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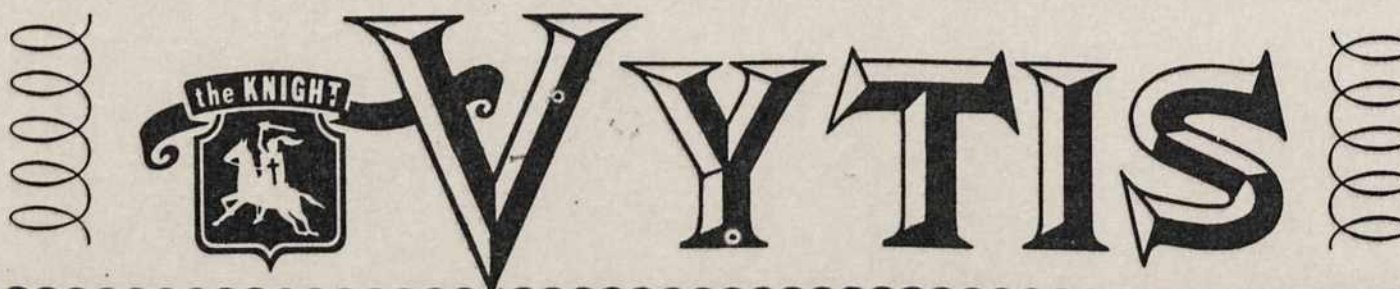
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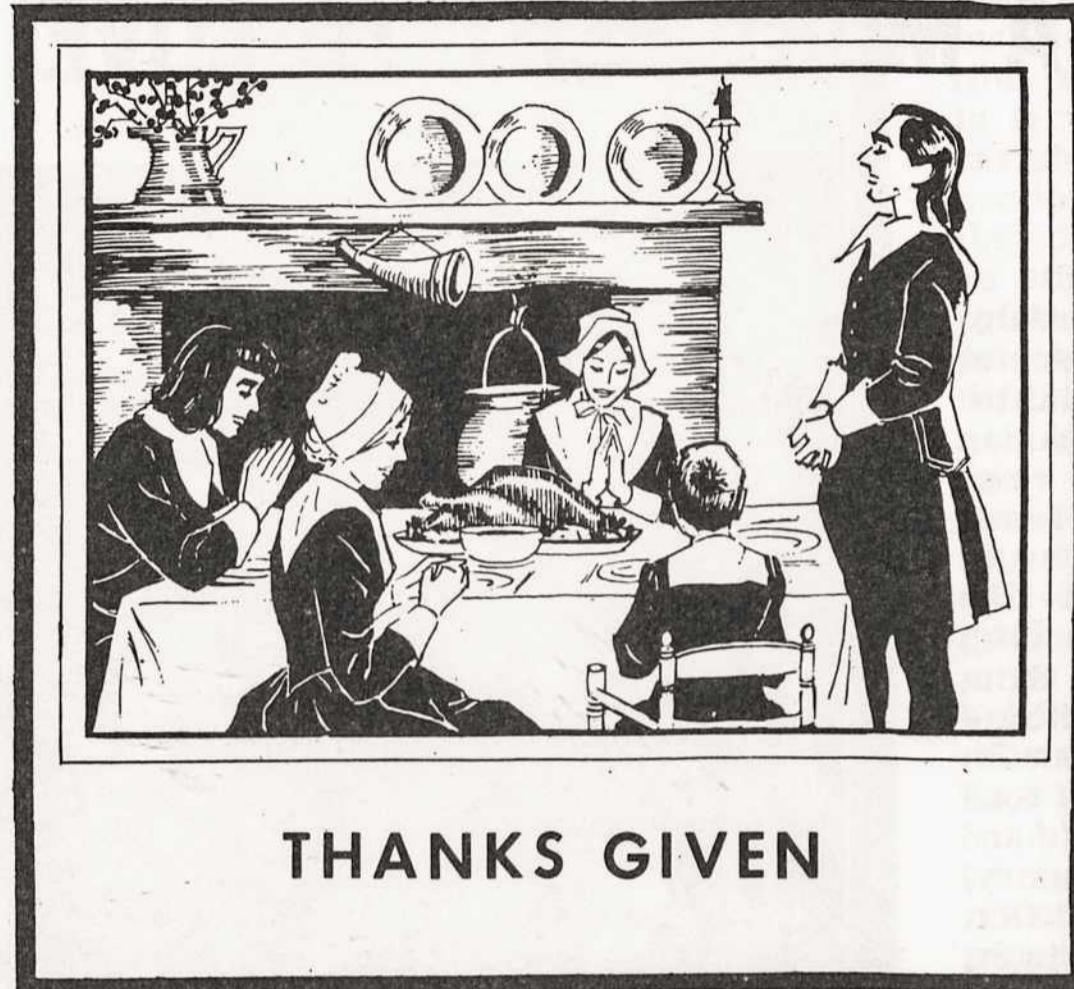
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THANKS GIVEN

There is so much to thank Thee for,
Thy favors are so great,
My heart seems breaking, dear my Lord,
Beneath this precious weight.

I thank Thee then for these my eyes,
My happy eyes that see
The beauty in the silver rain,
The May mist on the sea.

I thank Thee, Lord, that I can hear
With breathless joy, a song,
And draw it to my very heart
And hold it all day long.

I thank Thee, Lord, oh most of all,
For this sweet sense of Thee,
This blessed sense that fills me through,
With singing ecstasy.

Eleanor M. Leary

I thank Thee, Lord, that I can walk
Beneath the skies at night,
Through scented streets where spring has passed
With robes of starlit white.

I thank Thee, O Thou Crucified,
That I have known the pain
Of giving what I longed to keep,
That their's might be the gain.

I thank Thee, Lord, that I have loved,
With all my poor heart's best,
And never once the trust betrayed
Each dear love strangely blest.



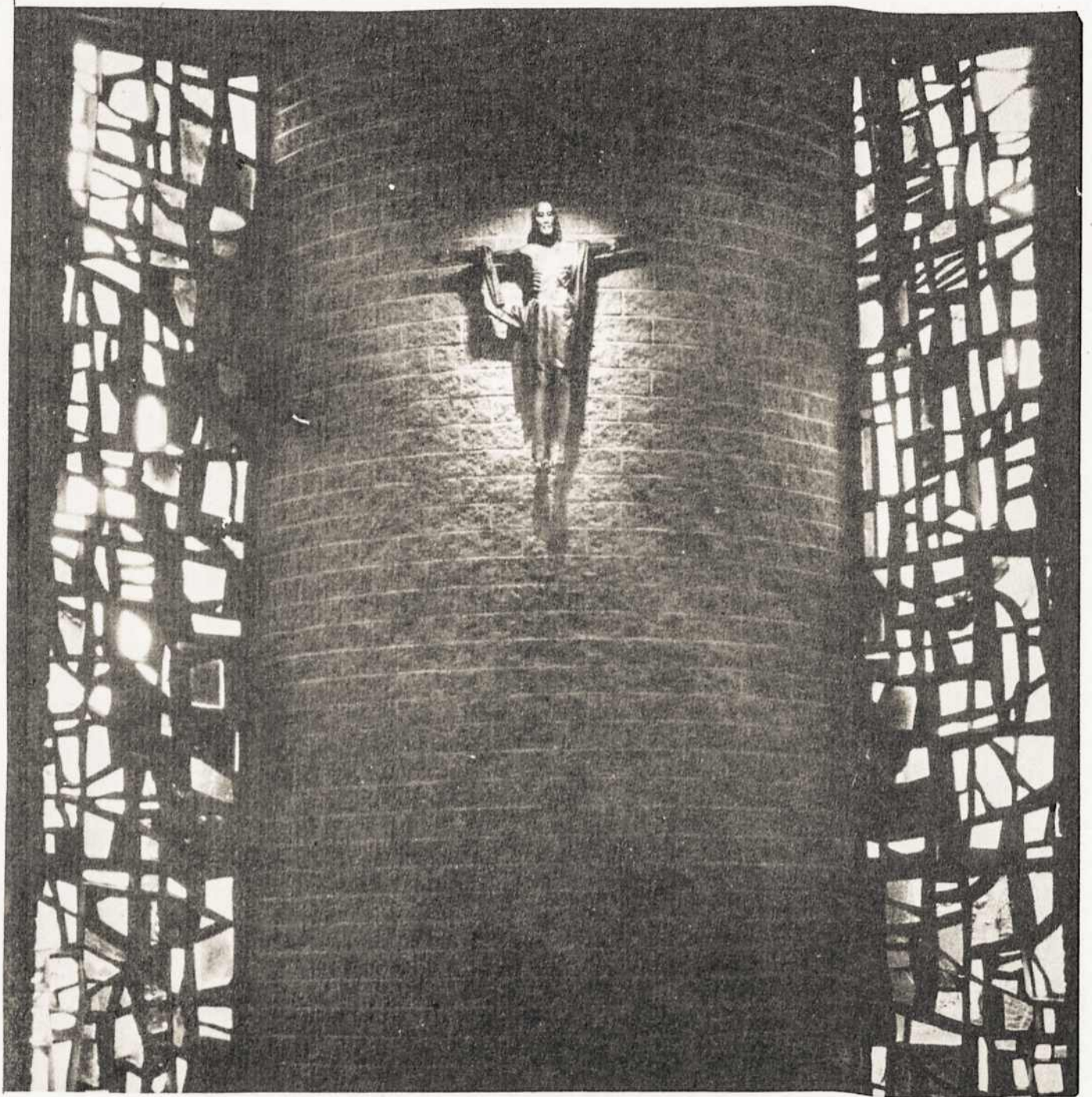
A MONUMENT TO LOVE

On the outskirts of Amsterdam, New York, in the humble, peaceful cemetery where some 1800 faithful of St. Casimir's Lithuanian Church, have been laid to rest, stands a most breathtakingly beautiful edifice - emphasizing with graceful artistry some of the highlights of the Lithuanian faith in God and His saints. Saint Casimir's Parish has this edifice - the handsome and utilitarian St. Ann's Chapel - because of one man's great love for his wife and desire to perpetuate her memory. Ann Vinskas Kiskis, who died Oct. 7, 1968 and is buried in St. Casimir's Cemetery, lived a life of sharing.

"She was always wanting to do something for someone. She wanted to share with others. And that best explains the idea behind the chapel erected to her memory," recalls her husband, John V. Kiskis. It was an idea that came to Mr. Kiskis during a graveside visit to St. Casimir's Cemetery. His wife's dedication to helping would be perpetuated through a memorial not only artistic but also one of utility, one that would permit continuance of the sharing.

With this thought in mind, Mr. Kiskis commissioned the eminent Lithuanian artist and sculptor, V. K. Jonynas to design a cemetery chapel that would not only represent artistic achievement, but also would offer shelter from inclement weather conditions to bereaved families suffering on the day of separation.

"I am sure that Ann would approve," was the Kiskis comment as the structure began to take form after ground was broken on Aug. 1, 1970. Completion was made during early 1971, and the edifice was dedicated on May 30, 1971, by the Most Rev. Edwin B. Broderick, D.D., Bishop of Albany. That Mr. Jonynas did his work well - with consummate compassion and artistry - is evident to all who have viewed the chapel since its completion.



Interior of St. Ann's Chapel.



Chapel Dedication, at black granite altar in front of new Chapel, Concelebrants, l. to r. Rev. R. Baltch, Rev. R. Bradshaw, OFM, Bishop E. Broderick, Rev. T. Vail, Rev. M. Feeney, OFM, Rev. B. Gustas.



Top left: Pensive Christ, sculpture, Bottom left, St. Ann relief, Above, St. Casimir relief.
(Photos - V. Mazelis).

Imaginative use of square sparkle stone blocks of eighteen-inch length resulted in this beautiful structure that rises 26 feet in striking design to overlook the parish burial ground. The frontal section consists of three pylons, the outer two extending upward as simple shafts while the center pylon is concave. Entrances are on the sides with protection of the backward sloping roof.

Light admittance is through four long and narrow windows, two on each side of the pylons. These windows are made up of vari-colored glass segments, graduated in color from warmer tones toward the front to the brighter hues of the center, permitting blending of love and the hope of eternal life.

A figure of the "Pensive Christ" ("Rūpintojėlis"), an aluminum casting of more than 300 pounds, rests on a canopy extending from the concave center pylon, and commands thematic attention. Above it is a circular cruciform design, and a simple cross surmounts the chapel.

On the sides of the chapel are two bas relief sculptures done in white concrete. They represent St. Ann, mother of the Virgin Mary, and St. Casimir, patron of Lithuania.

In front of the chapel and resting on rounded base steps that overlook a grassy plot, providing opportunity for concentration and meditation, is the altar. It is an impressive black granite design that harmonizes with the silver gray of the aluminum decorative designs of the facade. Jonynas' artistry has combined beauty and incentive toward thought on the relationship of Life and Death in providing material facilities of a temporary mausoleum.

In the dedication booklet distributed at the dedication, the Very Rev. Robert Baltch, pastor of St. Casimir's Parish sums up the significance of St. Ann's Memorial Chapel:

"Loving remembrance of those who have gone into Eternity is a particularly deep and important tradition among our Lithuanian people. It is a priceless heritage received as part of our gift of faith, a faith so impressively portrayed in this outstanding monument to family love and devotion..."

A TRAGIC ANNIVERSARY...

"The Simas Kudirka incident was the most inhuman thing in U.S. History..... Simas Kudirka wanted to tell all the story of the Baltic Nations. He lost his attempt at freedom, but he gave the U.S. citizens an idea of what life is like in a Communist country..... The new generation must face the fight to keep freedom in the United States"

So spoke Roberts Brieze, recipient of the "Friend of Lithuania Award Medal" at the 58th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, and the fishing company executive who witnessed Kudirka's unsuccessful attempt to obtain political asylum in the United States last November 23, and reported the incident to the world.

This month we commemorate the first anniversary of this tragic event. We strongly urge that every K of L member commemorate it with POSITIVE ACTION to aid Simas Kudirka! Numerous plans of action have already been outlined.....We present them herewith, so that you may avail yourself of one or more of these suggestions, and/or decide on your own plan.

The SUPREME COUNCIL, during the 58th National Convention, unanimously passed a resolution urging President Nixon to use his official powers to release Kudirka and his family and allow them to emigrate to the USA. (See p. 21, Oct. VYTIS). If you have not already done so, PLEASE send your senators and congressmen, as well as the President, copies of this resolution, asking them to take action on it. The Hon. Peter Rodino, Congressman from New Jersey, has already included the resolution, plus some appropriate comments, in the Congressional Record of September 20, 1971. Senator Clifford Case, of New Jersey, Congressman William Stratton of New York and others have promised their support of efforts to bring Simas and his family to the USA. Why not add your representatives to that list?

On Sunday, November 21, 1971, the NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT members and friends will travel by chartered bus to Martha's Vineyard, to commemorate this tragic anniversary at the site of the unsuccessful defection. A wreath of flowers will be placed in the Massachusetts waters where the S.S. Vigilant was docked last year..... and the story will be retold to members of the press and other listeners, in hopes of enlisting their aid in freeing Simas from his imprisonment, and in calling attention to the plight of Lithuania. For information on this trip, contact Longinas Svelnis, 43 Gage St., Needham, Mass.



"SACRIFICE FOR FREEDOM"

A Painting to honor Simas Kudirka, by Jurgis Juodis.

The NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT has initiated another special campaign to aid Simas Kudirka. President Nixon recently announced that he plans to visit the USSR in the very near future. The NY-NJ District asks all Lithuanians - as individuals and organizations, to ask Mr. Nixon, via letters, telegrams, petitions, to use his influence with the Soviet Government, during his trip to Moscow, to right the wrong done by the U.S. to Simas Kudirka by officially urging the Soviets to commute Mr. Kudirka's sentence of 10 years at hard labor, and to allow him and his immediate family to emigrate to the United States. All K of L's are urged, not only to write letters but also to prepare and circulate petitions in this regard at any and all Lithuanian activities, meetings and the like within the next few weeks, and to assure Mr. Nixon's having the petitions well before his departure.

The release of SIMAS KUDIRKA will not only aid a fellow Lithuanian who risked his very life for freedom, but will further help publicize the plight of Lithuania. Let's all cooperate to the best of our ability.

L. I. S.

Už Lietuvišką Žodį

(Juozas Bulevičius, 58-jame Lietuvos Vyčių Seime pasiūlęs rezoliuciją lietuvių kalbai gražinti į vyčių tarpą, pasakė šią svarbią kalbą).

Šią rezoliuciją* pateikiu a.a. Kun. Jono Jutkevičiaus garbei. Bet nedidelė bus jam garbė, jei rezoliucija liks tik paprastu protokolo paragrafu. Putinas yra įdėjęs į vieno savo romano asmens lūpas pusiau cinišką posakį: "Žinau, kaip trumpai gyvieji mini mirusius." Bent kun. Jono atveju bandykime, kad tai neįvyktų. Dėl to kviečiu gerbiamus seimo dalyvius neskubėti ir giliau pažvelgti į šį aktualų klausimą.

Kunigas Jonas paliko mums šviesų kilnios, vytiškos asmenybės pavyzdį. Pasigendame jo šypsenos. Pasigendame jo bekompromisinės pozicijos, ten, kur liečiami pagrindiniai Vyčių principai. Jo patarimai, jo išpėjimai nebuvo tušti žodžiai. Jis išsirašė į Vyčius būdamas vos keturiolikos metų berniokas. Ir jis taip su šia organizacija sutapo, kad jo visa visuomeninė veikla turėjo vytišką antspalvį. Nežiūrint kur jo žingsniai jį vedė ar kokias pareigas jis ėjo, jo mintys visuomet sekė jo širdžiai brangius Vyčius. Paskutinėje savo kelionėje jis dar rašė straipsnį į VYTI, norėdamas pasidalinti kelionės išpūdžiais su jam mieliais kolegomis, bendradarbiais. Jo pavydėjo mums kitos organizacijos, bet jis buvo neatplėšiamas nuo mūsų, kaip vaikas nuo motinos.

Jis gyveno moderniam pasauli, bet neslėpė ir savo kilmės. Dar klebonaudamas Athol, Mass., jis, vienas pirmųjų, šventą Komuniją dalindamas, sakė "Kristaus Kūnas." Atnaujinti savo bažnyčiai Worcester, jis pasikvietė talkon ne ką kitą bet žymiausią lietuvių dailininką. Kai bažnyčios vyriausybė nepalankiai pažiūrėjo į jo planus savo parapijos globėjui pagerbti, jis tuos planus pakeitė ir net praplėtė, bet šv. Kazimieras vistiek buvo tinkamai ir meniškai pagerbtas.

Būdamas Vyčių Dvasios Vadas, jis važinėjo, tarėsi reikalais, kurie iš tikro nebuvo jo tiesioginis rūpestis. Bet jis buvo Vytis ir suprato nuoširdaus bendradarbiavimo svarbą. Teisingai sakoma, kad tik tas, kurs moka sekti, gali būti geras vadas. Jis mokėjo ir nesibijojo sekti. Jis tikrai mokėjo ir vadovauti.

Jojo sumanyta ir per 25 metus vadovauta Lietuvių Reikalų Komisija yra Lietuvos Vyčių 58 metų veiklos žėrinti karūna. Šioj patriotinėj veikloj, į kurią jis įtraukė didelį skaičių pasišventusių talkininkų, reiškęsi mūsų organizacijos tikroji esmė (essence). Per Lietuvių Reikalų Komisijas, mūsų brangaus vado raginami, jo prašomi, jo pabarami,

dirbome su entuziazmu ir atlikome savo tautai neįkainuojamos vertės darbą. Ir aš pilnai tikiu, kad jojo dvasia ir šiandien čia ant mūsų plazdena ir, jei tik giliai išsiklausysime, išgirsime mums pažįstamą dinamišką balsą šaukiantį: Mano mieli Vyčiai! Mano valanda su jumis užsibaigė, bet darbas dar nebaigtas. Jūs rankos dar tvirtos, jūs širdys dar karštos. Nepadėkite plunksnos į šali. Protestuokite, informuokite, kad Lietuvos vardas nedingtų iš žemėlapių, kad laisvė mūsų broliams būtų gražinta. Būkite Vyčiai!

Dabar mūsų skaudančioj širdy kyla noras tinkamai savo mirusį vadą paminėti. Su padėka Dievui, kad Jis leido mums kun. Jonu džiaugtis ir su juo dirbti per tiek metų, norėtume, rodosi, sukurti ką nors ypatinga, nepaprasta, nuostabiai gražų, iš gryniausio aukso, iš šviesiausio marmuro, iš dangiškių spalvų, kad tas kūrinys šimtmečius kiekvieną



Juozas Boley-Bulevičius, autorius, L.V. Garbės Narys ir N.Y. Sendraugių narys.

* Lietuvos Vyčiai imasi konkrečių žygių lietuvių kalbą gražinti į savo tarpą."

praeivį žavėtų ir liūdytų, jōg viename laiko akimirkiny gyveno ant šios žemės toks didis lietuvis, ir jo likusieji bendradarbiai jį taip mylėjo, kad štai ši žėrinti, paminklą pastatė jam atminti ir pagerbti.

Net ir puošniausias meno kūrinys taip neatitiktų jo nemirtingos dvasios, kaip lietuviško žodžio grąžinimas į mūsų tarpą. Juk tikram lietuviui jis yra brangesnis už auksą ir marmurą. Dėl to žodžio mūsų tėvai kovojo, buvo persekiojami, ėjo į kalėjimus. Lietuvių kalbą išlaikyti ir platinti yra vienas mūsų organizacijos tikslų. Deja, turime prisipažinti, kad tas tikslas yra užmirštas ir praktiškai iš mūsų konstitucijos ir mūsų minčių išbrauktas. O ką mes laimime tuo lengvabūdišku savo tautinio paveldėjimo išsižadėjimu (heritage)? Mes tik atsiskiriame nuo savo visuomenės ir daromės jai svetimi tada, kada mūsų tautai esame labiausiai reikalingi. Mes netenkame to gražaus idealo, kurį tik Vyčiai gali Amerikoje gimusiam jaunimui pasiūlyti.

Nemanykime, kad mūsų jaunimas nepajėgia užsidegti kilniais idealais. Juk ir mūsų pirmininkas užsidegė jais ir per 30 metų kas savaitė radijo bangomis prabyla į savo tautiečius lietuvių kalba. Taip užsidegė lietuvišku karščiu ir mūsų kunigas Jonas dar būdamas 14 metų vaikėzas ir iki paskutiniųjų savo dienų gražiai kalbėjo senąja, istorine lietuvių kalba ir bažnyčioje, ir salėje, ir Lietuvos Vyčių Seime. Jauno amerikoniuko lietuvišką sąžinę mes greičiau pabudinsime lietuvišku žodžiu, jei įtikinamieji įrodysime, jog to jaunuolio gyvenimas yra prasiidėjęs šimtmečiais prieš jo gimimo dieną. Lietuviškas žodis jam leis pajusti savo sąsąmonėje (subconsciousness) jog jis turi seną, didingą praeitį... Prisimins kunigaikščiai, kruvinos kovos, pergalės ir... nesėkmės. Tik per lietuvišką žodį jis pajus, kad jame yra sutelkta visa tautos istorija, kuri suteikia jam tam tikrą charakterį, praturtina jo gyvenimą ir atskleidžia jo gyvenimo prasmę ir tikslą. Tik per lietuvišką žodį jis pilniau suprās, kad jis yra surištas su kažkuo didesniu nei šiuo ar kitu miesteliu ir siekiančiu toliau nei šis ar kitas dešimtmetis.



Daug kas iš mūsų savo kalbą gerbiame ir dar nesame jos užmiršę. Jei tik būtume drąsesni, tvirtiau apsisprendę ir rodytume vytišką pavyzdį, gal ne vieną jaunuolį sužadintume ir įkvėptume, apginkluodami jį dar vienu jo tautybės pasididžiavimo objektu. Juk lietuviškas žodis mūsų tarpe yra kultūrinio subrendimo ženklas, o vadui nepavaduojamas susisiekimo įrankis. Lyg vitaminas jis sustiprina mūsų silpnėjančią lietuvių. Niekas kitas nepajėgs sukurti mūmyse lietuviškos šventovės ir palaikyti gyvos lietuviškos dvasios kaip lietuviškas žodis.

Gyvename aplinkoj, kuri yra labai palanki mūsų nutautimui. "Nutausti gali bet kas," sako Dr. Juozas Girnius (Tauta ir Tautinė Ištikimybė). "Tačiau ne-

nutausti gali tik tas, kas yra tvirtos dvasios. Nutautimas nereikalauja jokių pastangų." Tik laisvai pasiduokime mūsų gyvenamos aplinkos įtakai ir be matant išnyks iš mūsų tarpo gražioji tūkstantmetinė lietuvių kalba, išnyks visos tradicijos ir papročiai, išnyks, deja, ir mūsų draugijos, išnyks ir lietuvių parapijos. Bet ar tai būtų aplinkos kaltė? Tas pats Dr. Girnius sako: "Nors ir kiek aplinka gundytų, galutinis žodis vis tiek lieka pačiam žmogui. Ne pati aplinka žmogų apsprendžia, o jis pats apsprendžia. Kas tikrai nenori nutausti, tas ir nenu-tausta. O jei nutaustama, tai dėl to, kad sutinkama nutausti, nesiryžtant prieš nutautimą kovoti." Taip kalba mūsų žymusis filosofas. Mes gi, atsisakydami savo kalbos laisvai, niekeno neverčiam!, žengiame patį didžiausią žingsnį į nutautimą. O nutautimas reiškia ne ką kitą kaip tautinę mirtį.

"Teisingai savo čekai, per šimtmėčius panašiai mėtyti kaip lietuviai," primena mums prof. Dr. Juozas Eretas (Tremties Lietuvis Idėjų Sūkuryje): "Tauta tol yra gyva, kol gyva yra jos kalba." Kitas šveicarų mokslininkas Jacob Burckhardt (1818-1897) sako: "Kalba savo kilmę turi sieloje; dėlto ji yra tikriausia tautos reiškiėja. Joje tauta save įamžina."

Dr. Eretas gėrisi lietuvių kalbos įvairumu, turtingumu, spalvingumu ir kitomis tos kalbos savybėmis. Kaip pavyzdį, jis pateikia paprastą prancūzų laver (angliškai wash) ir pastebi, kaip lietuvis šį žodį vartoja: "jis galvą trenka, rankas mazgoja, baltinius skalbia, indus plauna ir t.t." Dėl šių ir kitų nepaprastų kalbos savybių kiekvienas lietuvis, sako Dr. Eretas, turėtų didžiuotis ir tą kalbą "saugoti kaip savo akies lėlytę."

Visos kultūringos tautos sielojasi savo kalbos reikalu. Prancūzija tik pernai, per vienerius metus, išleido 270 milijonų dolerių savo kalbos vartojimui išplėsti. Kai kurie prancūzai dabar nuogastauja, kad išsileidus Angliją į Common Market organizaciją, nepradėtų posėdžiuose pirmą kartą anglų kalba.

Kiniečiai New Yorke siunčia savo vaikus į kiniečių mokyklą ne šeštadieniais, bet kasdien, parėjus iš miesto mokyklos. Ukrainai turi savo studijų savaites stovyklose, į kurias įeinant matyti iškabos su šūkiomis, pavyzdžiui, "Semkis kultūros iš visur, bet savosios neužmiršk."

New York Times antraštė: "Wider use of Welsh in courts in Wales is urged" - 400 metų po susijungimo su Anglija!

Žinutė sename New York Herald-Tribune: "A vast network of all-day Jewish schools to counteract the trend to assimilation with non-Jewish elements was urged by the president of the Religious Zionists of America..."

June 1969 Bnai Zion Voice had a picture of two young ladies - members of 1969 Gratz College graduating class, "selected as this year's winners of the Bnai Zion Award for proficiency in Hebrew." "The organization gives these awards to students of colleges and universities throughout the country." Žydų mokyklose, dėstant Talmudą ir izraelinę kultūrą, raginama visur, kur galima, vartoti žydų kalbą.

New York Times žinutė: "Queen Frederica at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral in New York held brief conversations in Greek with several (churchgoers). And she gently rebuked a young priest who addressed

her in English, saying, again in Greek, "Don't you speak Greek? Talk to me in Greek."

Kai Columbia Universiteto Vokiečių klubas šventė savo 60 metų sukaktį prieš keliolika metų, New York Times, aprašydamas banketą pastebėjo, kad "Conversation at the table was mostly in German." Mr. Schmidt prisiminęs, kad anksčiau tas klubas buvo tik proga susirinkti alaus išgerti, bet dabar jau kitaip: "Present members gathered in bi-monthly meetings to listen to talks in German by speakers from all walks of life."

Senora de Lopez, Kolombijos delegatūros sekretorė Jungtinėse Tautose, pasisakiusi, pagal Times: "Up to now, my boy went to an English-speaking parochial school near-by, but at home we speak Spanish, and I taught him this language's grammar and Colombian history."

Kai Atėnuose, pasaulio kultūros centre, krautuviniškai pradėjo vadinti savo krautuves La Boutique, Souvenir, ir kitais egzotiškais, bet svetimomis kalbomis, vardais, gyventojai pasipiktino ir valdžia pareikalavo, kad per tris mėnesius vardai būtų pakeisti į graikų kalbą arba bent papildyti graikiškais vertimais.

Astoria, N.Y.: "Two Win Prizes in Gaelic Contest."

Syrijos trijuose miestuose, kur dar kalbama Kristaus kalba, Times praneša: "The people are proud of their linguistic distinction... Many families make a point of speaking only Aramaic to their children until the youngsters are five years old. After that the children must begin to learn Arabic, the language of the schools and of the rest of Syria."

"Armenians Here (in New York) Rediscovering Rich Heritage." Times: Robert Keyishian, a 27-year old dealer in antique rugs, had no interest in his ethnic background until four years ago. "But now," he says, "especially among the more sophisticated people, we feel proud and exuberant about our heritage." Viena 28 metų žymios armėnų šeimos duktė anksčiau beveik nenorėjo prisipažinti, kad ji yra armėnų tautybės. "Now my whole sense of myself is transformed. I feel strong, I'm part of something and for the first time in my life I'm happy." "Miss Manuelian, one of 40 young people rehearsing folk dances three nights a week for a fall concert at Carnegie Hall, has also joined several Armenian clubs. She has started to date Armenian young men and to speak to her parents in Armenian."

John Kreyishian, žymus krautuvininkas, šitaip sako: "Through the ages we have had to fight every kind of persecution to protect our music, our language, our culture, our religion. How can we forget all this now, when we have sacrificed so much for it?"

Nejaugi visas kultūringas pasaulis klaidingai galvoja apie savo tautinės kalbos reikšmę? Ne. Juk visiems aišku, kad savo tautybę igijome kaip Dievo dovaną per savo tėvus. Esu tikras, kad giliai širdyje kiekvienas iš mūsų sutinka, jog mūsų tautos kalba yra verta didžiausių pastangų išlaikyti ir perleisti sekančioms kartoms. Tai kodėl ji taip lengvai slysta iš mūsų galvos ir širdies? Mes tikrai stebimės.

Prieš pora savaitių NBC televizijos žinių pranešėjas, prisimindamas dešimties metų barbariškos Berlyno sienos sukaktį, sakė, kad vienas Berlyno

gyventojas jam šitaip kartą išsireiškęs: "You know, the worst thing about the Berlin Wall is how easy it is to get used to it and then accept it." Ar ne tas pats, galvoju sau, yra ir su mūsų kalba? Taip lengva yra apsibrasti su esamu status quo. Taip lengva yra savąją kalbą užmesti į šalį, kad ji mums nesipainiotų. Taip lengva yra sukalbėti Sveika Marija angliškai, taip lengva yra pasakyti "How do you do," kad rodosi kitaip ir negali būti!

Labai lengva toki elgesį pateisinti. Juk reikia savo lietuvišką sąžinę kaip nors apraminti. Bet kaip lietuvis, ypač Vytis, kuris nuoširdžiai vertina savo tautybę, tai gali padaryti! Kokiais psichologiniais vingiais mes į tokią nevytišką padėtį patekome, dabar nenagrinėsime. Bet turime prisipažinti, jei ne viešai, tai bent sau privačiai, kad lietuviybės atžvilgiu mūsų padėtis yra kone tragiška. Bet dar ne viskas yra žuvelė. Truputį pasistengus, truputį save paraginusi, padrąsinusi, mūsų sąmonėje slypinčios apgesusios žarijos dar galėtų sutvyskėti gyvomis kibirkštimis.

Stasys Rauckinas viename sename VYTIES numeryje, rašydamas apie mūsų problemas, šitaip pareiškė: "Jei Lietuvos Vyčiai, taip sutartinai ir organizuotai veiktų į lietuviškąsias šeimas, kaip jie veikia į kongresmonus, senatorius bei įvairius valdžios pareigūnus, tikrai atgaivintų savyje paslėpto lietuviškumo atgarsį."

Dėl to yra laikas mums šį klausimą bent pagvildinti. Reikia mums tik gerai suprasti, koks pavojus grėšia. Vytis turėtų būti galvojantis lietuvis, gyvenąs ne šiai dienai, pramatąs į kokių rytojų jo šios dienos veiksmas veda. Norint pasiekti mėnulį, reikia mokslo, žinių, vadų, padėjėjų. Reikia daug galvų, daug rankų, daug rūpestingo planavimo. Mūsų kelias į lietuviybę tur būt ne daug lengvesnis, bet kartą sutartinai, organizuotai nusprendę ir pasiryžę, mes nuostabiai toli galime nueiti.

O kelionę jau laikas pradėti, nes ji yra mūsų konstitucijos planuose jau 58 metai. Jei greitai nepradėsime, iš tikrųjų tikslo nepasieksime. Kaip gražu būtų, jei labai apleistoj lietuviybės dirvoje, šiandien pradėtume žengti pozityvų žingsnį. Šiandien - kun. Jutkevičiaus atminimui ir mūsų kun. Jono liūdinčių sekėjų amžinam pasididžiavimui. Tam atsiekti rasime būdus, jei tik mumyse bus tam noro. Kun. Dr. Juozas Vaškas, taurus Amerikos lietuvis patriotas ir nuoširdus Vyčių bičiulis, užklaustas ką reikia daryti lietuvių kalbai pramokti, telegramą atsakė dviem žodžiais, "Reikia noro."

Tad reikia paklausti jūsų ir savęs, ar yra pas mus reikalingo noro? Noro išeiti į vytišką kovą dėl brangaus lietuviško žodžio. Nuo mūsų rimtai apgalvoto atsakymo priklauso ateitis - mūsų organizacijos ir mūsų tautybės ateitis.



An Evening With Ruta Lee

What a delightful evening was spent on Aug. 25th, 1971 when a contingent of Knights and friends of C-96, Dayton, Ohio had the pleasure of watching Ruta Lee co-star with Bill Bixby and Frank Sutton at Dayton's Memorial Hall with the Kenley Players. They performed in a comedy-mystery "Catch Me If You Can". The play was fun, suspenseful and had a surprise ending. Ruta was great to watch. This was a "first" for most of us to see her perform "live".

Highlight of the evening for us was "the pleasure of her company" at a C-96 sponsored cocktail party at Mary Lucas' home after the play! Ruta's remark, "Now I know where all the Lithuanians have been" started us off to a relaxed evening! Ruta was so warm and outgoing, and answered all questions and comments, that it was a joy to listen and watch her. Her enthusiasm and interest in sharing stories and experiences made everyone feel they really knew her when the evening was over (at 2 AM).

On a local call-in program, when Ada Sinkwitz talked with Ruta in Lithuanian, Bill Bixby, friendly-like, stated they had this problem with Ruta wherever she



Ruta receiving bouquet of flowers from Jr. member Kathy Sinkwitz. In background - Jerry Roberts, Albina Wallis, Joe Sinkwitz.



Msgr. Leonardas Gizinskas and Ruta.

met Lithuanians on the tour. He and Frank Sutton were "jealous" for they couldn't understand!

Ruta was serenaded by our men at one point of the evening... (if you can call that tone singing). But Ruta didn't seem to mind. Bea Noreikas did an excellent job of making the theatre arrangements... Mary, Ada, Elaine,

Marilyn saw to it that no one was hungry or thirsty! Ruta joined right in with whatever was required at any point of the gathering.

It is great to have a Knight as a celebrity but greater when she is so warm, personable and enjoyable to be with! It certainly was a memorable evening for those of us who shared it with Ruta.



Bea Noreikas, Fran Petkus, Aldona Ryan, Mary Lucas, Ruta, Joe Gecas, Jerry Bedrowsky, Eugenca Gecas, Annabel Miller, Janina Bucmys. Kneeling - Ildephonsas Bucmys, Marianne Podoyak, Tina Kavy, Maria Bucmys.



Joe Ryan, Frank Gudelis, Stan Vaitkus, Ruta, Jerry Podoyak, Ildephonsas Bucmys, Joe Gecas, Sam Bakanauskas, Jerry Bedrowsky. In front - George Mikalauskas, Jim Kavalauskas, Steponas Bucmys, Jim Sinkwitz.

Christian Truths and Natural Sciences

Dr. Thomas Ziuraitis, O.P.

Natural sciences alone can neither prove nor disprove Christian truths, their wisdom about the present, the past and the future as well.

There are so-called very modern, progressive Christians and even Catholics who can not accept Christian truths seriously because they claim that Holy Scripture does not make scientifically *provable* statements. They claim also that Christian truths *must* be reconciled in terms of natural (physical) sciences in order to verify their validity.

The contrary is true! Christian *truths* can be defined as the exact possible accordance of our mind and will with Christ's Revelation and with His Universal -- Catholic Church. The greatest wisdom ever known is the wisdom of Christian truths concerning the present, the past and the future as well. We will see now that Holy Scripture *does* make statements, known as Christian truths, which can be proved for us only then, when the right time comes to do so. A reconciliation of these truths and real sciences has never been needed.

I. Christian truths are scientifically provable.

1. Holy Scripture does make scientifically provable statements about *the present*. We know that our Blessed Lord as the God of Israel said:

"Sons of Israel, listen to the Word of God ... There is no fidelity, no tenderness of God in the country, only perjury and lies, slaughter, theft, adultery and violence, murder after murder.

This is why the country is in mourning, and all who live in it pine away, even the wild animals and birds of heaven, the fish of the sea themselves are perishing."
(Hosea 4, 1-3; -- our emphasis added).

This is a very tragic prophecy of our present time. No one can disprove the obvious connection between this prophecy and *today's* impending death of the oceans(1), the deforestation and depletion of farmland(2). We can prove now for ourselves scientifically in terms of even natural, physical sciences that these predicted Christian truths, contained in Holy Scripture, were perfectly true in the past as they are true today. They are true because of the same basic co-existence of so-called new dialogues and old Babel-logues.

Even though our Blessed Lord as *Man* walked the earth about 2000 years ago, He made statements about our day. He prophesied, for instance, that unless, so to speak, some last-minute absolutely necessary *changes* were made, everyone on earth would perish (Matt. 24, 15-22).

Such and similar global annihilation has not been sci-

entifically possible until recently when atomic and hydrogen weapons were perfected. Yet He spoke of *the possibility* of the extinction of the human race about 2000 years ago, before that possibility *became* a scientific truth. In other words, He spoke about what we know from the Christian truths today.

2. Holy Scripture does make scientifically provable statements about *the past*. Our Blessed Lord knows perfectly what happened and why it happened in the past because He was, He is and He shall be the most perfect *eyewitness*. He as God created the universe, all the beings of heaven and earth as well (Heb. 1, 1-2, Eph. 3, 9; Col. 1, 16). He is the God of Israel and the Savior of mankind (I Cor. 10, 4). He is in existence *before* Abraham was even born (John 8, 58). Finally, He inspired some of the historians to record these and many other events:

"There are, however, many other things that Jesus did; but if every one of these should be written, not even the world itself, I think, could hold the books that would have to be written" (John 21, 25).

These historians wrote down many things, not everything, of course, that Jesus Christ did; the scientists and all the careful thinkers can read and prove *for themselves* that all these and "many other things" occurred.

In addition to this, may we say a few words against those scientists who try to prove according to Holy Scripture that GOD *is composed* of physical material elements because Moses saw Him in a form of physical *light* -- and since this is how He has appeared throughout Holy Scripture! We know that God is pure *Spirit* (John 4, 24). This is the Christian truth. Let us consider the following truths concerning this matter, namely: what is God? Is He composed, for instance, of physical light?

The form that Moses saw was just as physical as the Man Jesus. The only difference was that Moses saw a closer manifestation of the *full spiritual* glory of God. Light as such is part of God's physical creation as we know from the very past (*Isaiah 45, 7*). Even modern scientific studies have shown that although *light* can travel about 670 million miles per hour (186,000 miles per second), it would take a beam of light *billions* of years to travel across the entire universe. Therefore, God cannot be composed of anything. Otherwise how would He have been able *to create* the universe in any reasonable span of time? If God had to travel at the speed of light and be limited by that speed, it would have taken Him *billions* of years to first create the universe.

Furthermore, when God had finished creating the final part of the universe, other and earlier parts of the universe would have already burned themselves out completely

God would not be in control of His own creation. Consequently, the almighty God would always be *billions* of years *behind* His own creation. This is, of course, just nonsense. Christ as God, so to speak, *must* travel faster than the speed of light, if such travel would be necessary for Him in the first place. No wonder that real modern scientists studies must agree with the Christian truth, namely that: "God is pure Spirit", the "eternal Omnipotence".

3. Holy Scripture does make scientifically provable statements even about *the future*. The same Lord as God prophesied that the "restoration of *all things*" shall come and even the problems of *oceanic* pollution will be solved, of course, not according to the pseudo-scientists and their science-fiction especially like Father *Teilhard de Chardin, S.J.*(3). It will be solved in a way which we know from our Christian, universal -- Catholic truths.

Therefore, we turn to the Book of *Ezechiel* who provides details about the earth -- our *oceanic* planet:

*"These waters that issue forth
toward hillocks of sand to the east, and go
down to the plains of the desert, shall be*

healed There shall be fishes in abundance after these waters shall be healed, and all things shall live to which the torrent on the banks thereof on both sides shall grow all trees that bear fruit And the fruits thereof shall be food, and the leaves thereof for medicine" (Ezech. 47, 8-12; our emphasis added).

These and many other biblical statements or Christian truths concerning the future will be scientifically provable (capable of being proved) when the "fullness of time" will come (Romans 11, 25-26). In other words, that time shall come when the most important Christian truths of the *future* will turn into the *present*, enabling us to see them with our own eyes. Finally, when the "fullness of time" -- the right time has come, then the scientists can prove *for themselves* the wisdom of Christian truths -- of the greatest teaching ever known about the present, the past and the future as well.

(Part II will appear in the next issue)

FOOTNOTES

- (1) Dr. Edward D. Goldberg at the 1969 AAAS Convention at Dallas, Texas, said that if we stop polluting *oceans* today, the harm that we have done will stay with us for many thousand of years.

Dr. La Monte C. Cole and many other scientists estimate that 50% to 70% of the *oxygen* of the world is produced by the "grass of the sea", called "phytoplanktons". If we should kill enough of that grass, we would start running out of oxygen. In some big cities 40% more oxygen is being used than the land is producing... Over 70% of the earth surface is covered by oceanic water. We live on an oceanic planet. What would happen if our oceans should die?! (Cf. "Tomorrow's World", August, 1971, pp. 25-26; "The Plain Truth", February 1970, p. 9).

- (2) S. M. Jepsen, A. S. Barnes and the others in their collective book "Trees and Forests" assure us that *half* of the agriculture land in the U.S.A. has been damaged by *erosion*. There is about 4% of the original virgin timber in the U.S.A.

Richard St. Barber Baker says: "The empires of Babylon, Syria, Persia, and Carthage were destroyed by the advance *floods* and deserts caused by the increasing clearing of *forests*" (Cf. "The Plain Truth" magazine, December 1970, p. 22).

- (3) Father Teilhard de Chardin, S.J., according to his writing was *the evolutionary pantheist* in his own way of thinking. To be exact, Teilhard was the evolutionary *panentheist*, that means: although both the personal God and the bodily Universe make up *one whole, one bloc*, God somehow is the supreme One immersed in that whole or block ("il forme un *bloc* ... le Monde constitue un *Tout*"). A human person is "one individual *atom* in the final establishment of a World: *and ultimately*

nothing else can mean to me" (... la joie de collaborer atomiquement"...). Then Teilhard says: "The Universal Christ, as I understand the name, is a *synthesis* of Christ and the Universe"; "It is, then, in this physical pole of Universal Evolution that we must, in my view, locate and recognize the *plenitude* of Christ"; "I can be saved only by becoming *one* with Universe. Thereby, too, my deepest '*pantheist*' aspirations are satisfied, guided, and reassured"; "I tried to place at the head of the Universe, which I adored from birth ("que j'adorais de naissance"), the risen Christ whom others taught me to know"; "the *total* Christ is consummated and may be attained *only* at the term of universal Evolution: a personalized Universe, whose *domination* personalizes me" (see all these essential quotations and their context in French - Pierre Teilhard de Chardin: *Comment je crois*, Edit. du Seuil, Paris, 1969, pp. 121, 131, 146, 147-148, 148, 148-149, 149, -- In English: *How I Believe*, Harper and Row, Publishers, New York, 1969, pp. 21, 41, 77, 80, 81, 82).

In addition to the Essential Teilhard, S.J., once again Teilhard himself has this to say:

"If, as a result of some interior revolution ('reversement interieur'), I were to lose in succession my faith in Christ, my faith in a personal God, and my faith in Spirit, I feel that I should continue to believe invincibly in the World. The World -- its value, its infallibility and its goodness -- that, when all is said and done, is the first, the last, and the only thing in which I believe. It is by this faith that I live. And it is to this faith, I feel, that at the moment of death, rising above all doubt, I shall surrender myself I surrender myself to an ill-defined faith in a World that is One and Infallible -- wherever it may lead me" (see loc. cit. French: pp. 120, 121; English: pp. 19-20, 26).

Teilhard believed in Christ's divine and His human nature, but Teilhard's evolutionary panentheism was to him literally the unshakeable *faith* -- his CREDO! He went so far as to say in one of his letters on the 4th of October, 1950, namely: "Yes, the UPWARD and the FORWARD together form a synthesis, and this is the INWARD". What does it mean? The Upward ("l'En-Haut") means CHRISTIANITY and even CATHOLICISM, the FORWARD ("l'En-Avant") - MARXISM and even COMMUNISM, the INWARD ("Au-Dedans") means the ideal synthesis of *both* (Teilhard de Chardin).

Roger Garaudy, the leading French Marxist and the chief spokesman for the international Communist conspiracy, gives us the following *Teilhard's*, his fellow countryman's statement:

"The synthesis of the (Christian) God of the Above and the (Marxist) God of the Ahead: this is the ONLY God whom we shall in the FUTURE be able to adore in spirit and truth" (quotation taken from Roger Garaudy: *From Ananthesma to Dialogue*, Herder and Herder, New York, 1966, p. 54; - our emphasis added).

The teaching authority of the Catholic Church (John XXIII and Paul VI) issued a special *Monitum* against

Teilhard's so-called Philosophy and Theology. The same teaching authority warned Catholics at least four times more "against the dangers of the works of Teilhard de Chardin and of his supporters". Jean Rostand, the great scientist, and the others proved that Teilhard did not cast the slightest light on the great problem of organic evolution. Sir Peter Medawar, the Nobel Prize winner for medicine speaks of Teilhard's mental confusion and so on (Cf. P.B. Medawar: *The Art of the Soluble*, London, 1967, p. 71 ff.). Marcelin Boule, a friend and former professor of Teilhard, who was considered the world's leading authority on fossils, proved many times that Teilhard's theories were as fantastic as they were ingenious. Other French scientists like Maurice Vernet and Louis Bounoure, have blasted away at Teilhard's so-called *scientific* views which, they claim, have no scientific value at all (Cf. Maurice Vernet: *La grande illusion de Teilhard de Chardin*, Edit. Geldage, Paris, 1964; Louis Bounoure: *Recherche d'une doctrine de la vie*, Edit. Robert Laffont, Paris, 1964).

(4) Carl Seeling, Editor: *Ideal and Opinions by Albert Einstein*, Crown Publishers, New York, 1954, p. 261.

PROTESTAS "L.L." REDAKCIJAI

Senajai lietuvių išeivijos Amerikon kartai teko pergyventi trumpą tarpą, kai lietuviai bedieviai - socialistai ir laisvamaniai - buvo paskelbę karą Bažnyčiai ir dvasiškijai. Jų šūkis buvo: rauti iš tikinčiųjų širdžių tikėjimą, o dvasiškiją kuo biau-riausiai, be jokios gėdos ir sąžinės, šmeižti. Jie buvo net išpranašavę, kad nepoilsio bažnyčios, vienuolynai ir visi lietuvių katalikų kultūriniai bei labdaros centrai bus sugriauti, išardyti, o dvasiškija - sunaikinta.

Praėjo 60 metų, ir ką matome. Visa toji pragaro armija jau yra išvykus į anapus sau užmokesčio atsiminti, paskui ją seka likučiai tos armijos rėmėjų, jų vadai ir spauda, ir greitai laiku neliks nei vieno šioje žemėje. O tuo tarpu, kas norėta išplėsti, sugriauti, išnaikinti, ir visos tos pranašystės niekais nuėjo. Priešingai, visa tai ne tik stovi savo vietoje, bet nuo čia kalbamo laikotarpio - padaugėjo ir sustiprėjo. Rodėsi, kad istorija nepasikartos, nes bendras analfebėtiškumas (visiškas nemokšumas) lietuvių tarpe yra išnykęs ir ano meto atrūgoms nebus vietos šių dienų visuomenėje, kuri tiek sukultūrėjus, kad šlykštumu laikys tokios grupės žmonių ir jų leidžiamos spaudos, kaip "Šakė", "Kardas", "Meilė", visokios blevyzgu biblijos ir t.p.

Bet, štai, Chicagoj išeinanti "Laisvoji Lietuva" šių metų num. 15-tam papylė ano meto šakininkų pamazgų ant vyskupo V. Brizgio. Tulas, pasislėpęs "sklypo savininko" slapyvardžiu jį išvadino "subankrutavusiu vyskupu", "sulepšėjusiu vyskupu", vyskupu "pasidavusiu kardinolui, kur tautiniai ir religiniai papročiai yra purve mindžiojami" ir t.t. Po tokių šmeižtų, jis deklaruoja savo galingą Aš: "pasamdyti gerą advokatą... ir savo teises teismo keliu atgauti..."

Lietuvos Vyčių Illinois-Indiana apygardos potostoginiam susirinkime rugsėjo 15 d., Vyčių salėj, perskaičius čia kalbamą "L.L." straipsnį susirinkusieji ne tik pasipiktino tokiu vysk. V. Brizgio ižeidimu, bet nutarė pareikšti protestą to laikraščio redakcijai:

1. Kadangi vyskupas V. Brizgys yra gerbiamas Amerikos lietuvių, kaip oficialus asmuo - vyskupas lietuvių gyvenančių už Europos ir, kaip toks, yra daug pasidarbavęs lietuvių išeivių garbei ir Lietuvos garbingam vardui iškelti kitataučių amerikiečių tarpe,

2. Kadangi vysk. V. Brizgio veikla Amerikoj pasižymi dideliu uolumu ne tik Bažnyčios reikaluose, bet ir tautybės-lietuvybės išlaikyme mūsų išeivijoje.

3. Kadangi vysk. V. Brizgys, nepaisydamas savo sveikatos, nuolatos lanko lietuvių parapijas, stiprindamas lietuvybę, mažų ir didelių organizacijų suvažiavimus, rodo didelio aktyvumo VLIK, ALT, BALF sąjūdžiuose, o jų suvažiavimuose savo kalbomis stipriau uždega dalyvius daugiau veikti, aukotis ir remti pastangas ir būdus lietuvybei išlaikyti Amerikoj ir dirbti Lietuvos išlaisvinimui bei reikalingiems pašalpos dabar okupuotoje Lietuvoje.

4. Kadangi už nuopelnus Tautai ir Bažnyčiai (Lietuvos Vyčių Organizacijos šūkis) ir už didelę moralinę paramą vyčiams bei niekuomet neatsiskandčią paslaugą organizacijos reikaluose vysk. V. Brizgys yra pakeltas į garbės narius (subankrutavusiems ir sulepšėjusiems asmenims vyčiai nesega prie krūtinės garbingą šv. Kazimiero medalį), todėl -

Nutarta visoje lietuvių katalikų spaudoje paskelbti viešą protestą "Laisvajai Lietuvai" ir pasipiktinimą redakcijai, tiek nusmukusiai, kad matė reikalo dėti į savo laikraštį toki aukštam dvasiškiui šmeižtą, lygų ano meto šakininkų, kardininkų šmeižtams.

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59TH NATIONAL CONVENTION - 1972

MEMBERSHIP DUES

As we go to press, word has been received from the MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT, that Cleveland's C-25 officially submitted a bid to host the 59th National Convention. Since the MCD was delegated by the Supreme Council to select a site for the Convention, it was able to formally accept C-25's bid. Thus, the next National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania will be held in CLEVELAND, OHIO, with C-25 as Host Council. More details will be given in future issues.

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DEADLINE - November 15, 1971

The new National Financial Secretary, Irene Ozalis, reminds us the membership dues are \$5.00 per year and will be due on or before Jan. 1, 1972. She requests that the newly-elected Council Financial Secretaries begin collecting membership dues immediately. Dues should be collected for all year.

Also, to insure your members receiving their VYTIS promptly, please include members ADDRESSES as you send their dues, so that the secretary can verify that her records and those of the mailing company are correct. All dues, as well as address changes and corrections should go to:

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ELECTIONS

District and Council officer elections MUST take place either in the months of September or October, as per the constitutional change made at the 1964 National Convention.

Immediately after the election of new officers, PLEASE send the names and addresses of the officers to National Recording Secretary,

MRS. SUSAN BORASKAS
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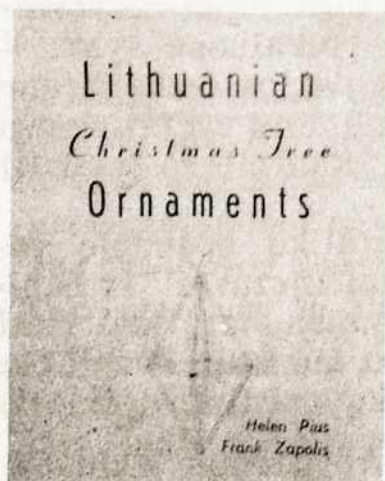
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NEWS

VYTS BELIAJUS HONORED

Vyts Beliajus of Denver, Colorado, editor of the popular folk dance magazine VILTIS, organizer and former director of the ATEITIS Dance Ensemble of Chicago, and long-time folk dance instructor and researcher, has been selected MAN OF THE YEAR for 1972, by the University Physical Education Association, a national organization with headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Early in 1972 VYTS will be presented this award at a special banquet in Houston, Texas.

This is indeed honor of great scope for VYTS and the Lithuanians. Our sincerest congratulations go to VYTS BELIAJUS for this well-deserved honor.



Rev. Grigaitis, at Anniversary Reception.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTHOOD

On Sept. 19, REV. ANTHONY GRIGAITIS, assistant at St. Casimir Church, Amsterdam, N.Y., was honored by parishioners and friends on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of his ordination. The festivities included a Mass of Thanksgiving in St. Casimir Church, concelebrated by Father Grigaitis and several of his close friends, and a reception at the Parish Hall, prepared by the parish organizations and attended by over 200 friends.

Father Grigaitis was born in Lithuania Sept. 22, 1901. He completed his studies in Lithuania and was ordained May 30, 1931 in Kaunas. Until 1944, he assisted the people of his native land in their spiritual needs, as assistant, later as pastor. Expelled from Lithuania during W.W. II, Father continued his priestly duties at Displaced Persons Camps in Germany.

Since 1950, he has served the people in the Catholic Diocese of Albany, N.Y. Since 1967, he has resided at St. Casimir's in Amsterdam.

In addition to his many other commitments, Father Grigaitis is an active member of C-100. K of L-ers describe him as "a most likeable man who is very humble and always tries to be in the background." We congratulate our fellow K of L-er on this outstanding anniversary.

JOHN BYANSKAS FETED IN CHICAGO

On Sept. 26, noted musician, choir director and accompanist John Byanskas, was feted at a dinner in his honor at the Martinique Restaurant, Evergreen Park, Ill., for his many achievements in and long dedication (for more than 50 years) to the world of Lithuanian music.

The Dinner was sponsored by the "Birutes Choir", of which Mr. Byanskas was a long-time director. Under his direction, the choir presented many outstanding performances of operettas and

concerts in Chicago and elsewhere, and was one of the most popular in the area. John Byanskas, although a mechanical engineer by profession, has been a musician at heart for many years. He was considered professional as early as 1914, when he proved himself an accomplished and competent accompanist for many outstanding Lithuanian soloists, including Mikas Petrauskas. Since 1960, Mr. Byanskas has also been active accompanying and assisting in the direction of the Knights of Lithuania Choir. He also leads an orchestra which is very well-known and popular at Chicago Lithuanian social affairs.

NEW PASTOR AT ANNUNCIATION CHURCH

REV. FRANCIS RUGGLES was recently appointed pastor of Annunciation Lithuanian R.C. Church, in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, N.Y., replacing the Rev. J. Aleksiunas, who retired. Father Ruggles was born in Brooklyn and attended St. John's University and Immaculate Conception Seminary of New York. Ordained in 1940, he also served as assistant at numerous New York parishes until appointed to St. Matthias Church, Ridgewood, N.Y. in 1964 where he was associate pastor until 1971. Although stationed previously at non-Lithuanian parishes, Father Ruggles has endeared himself to his fellow Lithuanians by staunchly supporting many Lithuanian causes, and obtaining the support of his non-Lithuanian associates. Sincerest congratulations are extended to Father Ruggles on his new appointment.



ANTHONY C. STOKNA, R. I. P.

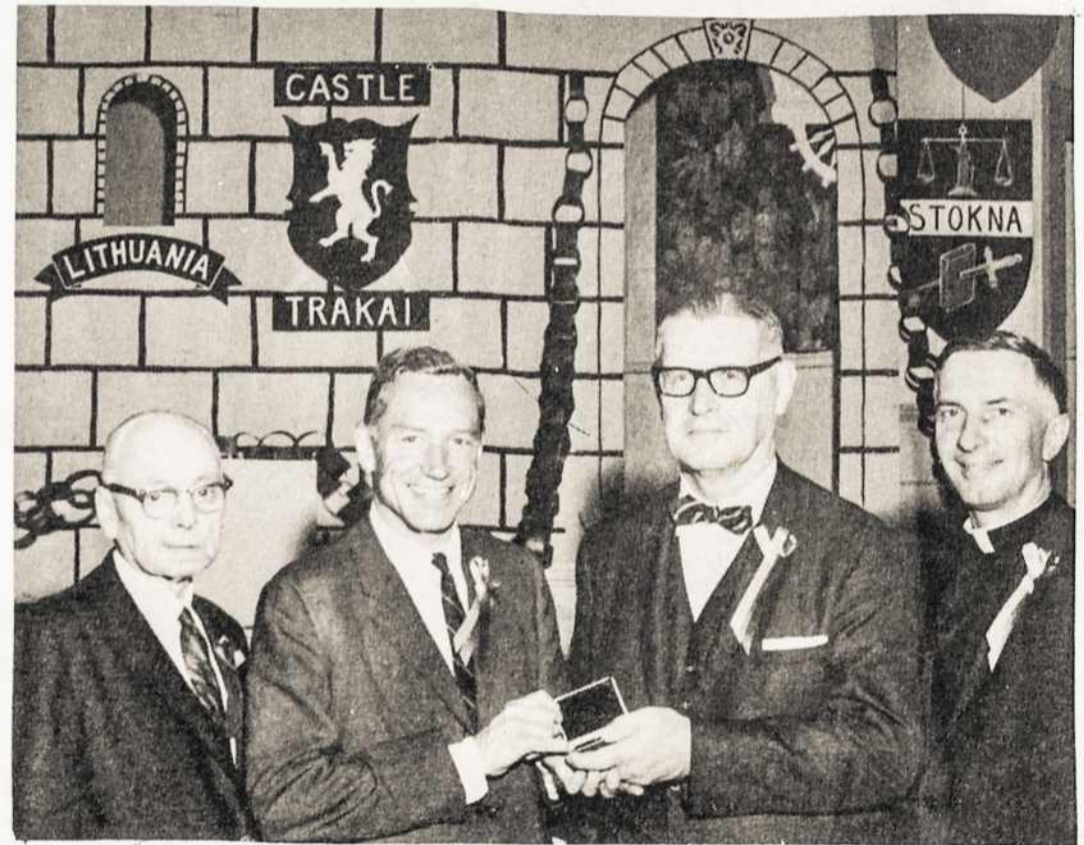
Let us pause and pray, "Amžina atilsį duok mirusiam Viešpatie, ir amžinoji šviesa tegul jam šviečia. Tegul ilsisi ramybėje. Amen." We laid to rest our beloved K of L member, Attorney Anthony C. Stokna, at St. Casimir's cemetery on September 20. He died on September 15 at Albany Medical Center Hospital where he had been a patient since August 27. Toni, as he was known to all his many friends, had been ill since the first of this year.

Even though in ill-health, Toni attempted to fulfill all his duties as National Legal Advisor of our organization. Being proud of his Lithuanian heritage, he joined the K. of L. as a very young man when it first organized in Amsterdam. Any Lithuanian activities that were held in Amsterdam would usually find Toni as either the general chairman or master of ceremonies. A devout Catholic, Toni also served as legal advisor for St. Casimir's Church and was a member of the Holy Name Society.

In civic matters as well, the name "Attorney Anthony C. Stokna" was most familiar. He was a member of the American State and Montgomery County Bar Association and an honorary life member of Amsterdam Elks Lodge 101, twice serving as Exalted Ruler and also as District Deputy Grand Ruler. In addition he was a member of Msgr. William A. Brown's Assembly Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, the American Heart Association (served as chairman of the fund raising drive for many years), and the Fourth Ward Democratic Club. He was one of the organizers of Radio Station WCSS and he served as secretary and treasurer. He had also been a president of the former Rugmakers Baseball Club.

His loss will be a large one not only to the K. of L. but also to our community.

Let us not forget his family. Tony was a family man who dearly loved his wife, Edna, his daughters, Marilyn and Juanita, their husbands, his grand-



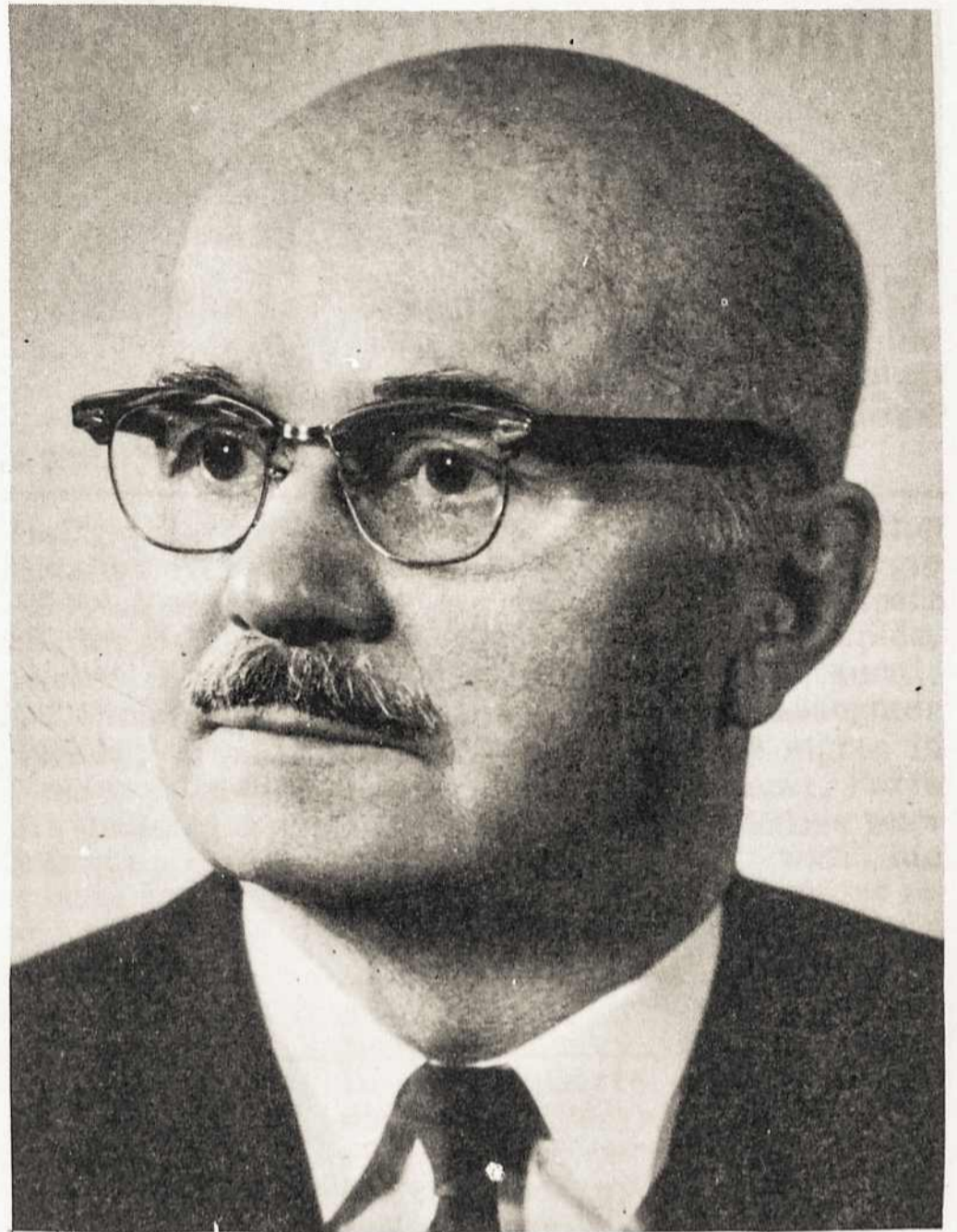
Left to right, Atty. A. C. Stokna, Congressman Samuel S. Stratton, Anicetas Simutis, Consulate-General of Lithuania, and the Very Rev. Robert K. Baltch. The occasion the Golden Jubilee of Lithuania's Independence held on May 18, 1968 at the American Lithuanian Club in Amsterdam, N.Y. Atty. Stokna was the Chairman of the affair.

children, his brother, sisters, nieces and nephews.

Our sincere and deep sympathy is extended to you, Edna, and all your family. We know how great your loss is, for we too feel it. When there was a problem, where did we go... to Toni Stokna... He knew what to do. He always did. We will all miss him so very, very much, especially your VYTIS reporter.

Gene Gobis

Dr. Petras P. Daužvardis R.I.P.



On Sept. 26, 1971, the American Lithuanian Community suffered an irreplaceable loss, with the death of DR. PETRAS PÓVILAS DAUZVARDIS, Consul General of Lithuania, at Chicago, and all-around aide and friend to Lithuanians everywhere.

Mr. Dauzvardis was born Sept. 16, 1895, in Lithuania, and studied in the USA and Lithuania, obtaining degrees of J.D. from Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., and M.P.L. and J.D. from John Marshall Law School, Chicago.

He entered Lithuania's foreign service in 1925 as secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, then vice-consul of Lithuania at New York, N.Y. (1925-1937), consul at Chicago (1937-1961) and consul general since Aug. 11, 1961. He represented Independent Lithuania with full recognition of the United States Government. Twice, Petras Dauzvardis was decorated by the Republic of Lithuania, being awarded the Order of Gediminas. He was also recipient of the Ukraine's Cross of Petliura, Loyola Consular Medallion, the Captive Nations-Eisenhower Proclamation Medal, and numerous other citations and awards, from Lithuanian and non-Lithuanian groups. He is listed in International Blue Book and "Who's Who."

That his works did not go unnoticed or unappreciated was obvious from the masses of mourners who gathered to pay their last respects to this great man. On the evening of Sept. 29, Nativity BVM Church of Chicago was filled to overflowing, for the official "Atsisveikinimas" - (Farewell). Representatives of the Lithuanian Legation and of Lithuanian organizations expressed their grief on behalf of the entire Lithuanian community, and urged all to continue the work Mr. Dauzvardis left behind, to bring freedom back to Lithuania, and to perpetuate the love of Lithuania everywhere. The sound of Lithuanian hymns sung by the Parish Choir and the Dainava Ensemble echoed through the church, and some 20 flags, representing various patriotic and youth organizations decorated the sanctuary.

On Sept. 30, Nativity Church was again filled, for the final Requiem Mass, concelebrated by Bishop Brizgys, Msgr. Mozeris, and the Revs. Stankevičius, A. Zakarauskas, and Stašys. Cardinal Cody, Archbishop of Chicago, was present, as were Chicago's Mayor R. Daley and his assistant, a host of members of the Diplomatic Corps, Lithuanian Charge d'Affaires J. Kajeckas, Lithuanian Consuls Simutis and Zmuidzinas, and many other dignitaries. The Mass was sung by the Knights of Lithuania Choir, and soloists J. Vaznelis, M. Momkus, and S. Baras. A. Vasaitis was at the organ.

Over 320 automobiles joined the funeral procession to St. Casimir Cemetery, where the beloved Mr. Dauzvardis was laid to his final rest.

All who knew Petras Dauzvardis will agree that no request for help went unheeded, no occasion went unnoticed, no person was to "unimportant" to rate his attention and ready ear. The Knights of Lithuania were especially gratified to have this kind man in their midst. Although a member of Chicago's C-112, his help, suggestions, etc. did not end there. Any K of L project, particularly along patriotic lines, found welcome support from the Dauzvardis' - Mr. and Mrs. His gracious ways and cheerful smile will surely be missed.

To his dear wife Josephine, his son Petras Vytautas and his family, and the family of his younger son, Fabian Gediminas (who perished in a plane crash Apr. 25, 1971), we express our profoundest sympathy, and assure them that our prayers will be with them all.

L. I. S.

LITHUANIAN KITCHEN . . .



THANKSGIVING MUSHROOMS

1 lb. mushrooms
 2 tsp. butter or oleo
 2 tsp. minced onion
 2 t flour
 2 tsp. salt
 1/8 tsp. pepper
 1 tsp. lemon juice
 3/4 tsp. celery salt
 1 1/2 c. milk (or less)

Slice washed mushrooms. Saute onion in butter in large skillet until tender, add mushrooms. Saute over medium heat, covered, stirring occasionally - 8 to 10 min. Stir in flour, salt, pepper, lemon juice, celery salt, then milk. Cook over low heat, stirring until thickened.

Amelia Stukes
 Hillside, N.J.

K of L Calendar

NOVEMBER

14 TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR ANNE KLEM, Lithuanian Catholic Community Center, 6 Davis Ave., Kearny, N.J. - 4:00 p.m. - Admission \$10.00.

20 C-17 & 17 Srs. FALL DANCE, So. Boston Lithuanian Club, So. Boston, Mass.

21 HOLY TRINITY LITHUANIAN CHURCH, Newark, N.J. - 70th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, - Mass - 12:00 Noon, Dinner immediately afterward.

21 NED Commemoration of ANNIVERSARY of SIMAS KUDIRKA Tragedy, Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

DECEMBER

5 NY-NY DISTRICT CONVENTION, Our Lady of Vilna Parish Hall, New York, N.Y., C-12 Hosts.

12 C-100 CHRISTMAS PARTY, Tower Inn, Amsterdam, N.Y.

APRIL

9 ANNUAL TV MASS, Boston, Mass. Sponsors - New England District

MAY

15 C-29, CONCERT featuring New York Lithuanian Men's Chorus. 8:00 p.m. Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Newark, N.J.

JUNE

22 to July 7 - K of L South American Festividad.



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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Edited by: Mrs. Josephine Zukas, 9 Charles Street, Port Washington, L.I., N.Y. - 11050

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

DETROIT, MICH. - C-79

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Autumn has always been a magic time with a carpet of crisp, golden leaves and a sad farewell to a waning summer. However, our summer has been filled with a lot of happenings.

The first of our tri-complex projects of Divine Providence, the new rectory, is nearing completion and the two Fathers, pastor Michael Kundrat and assistant Fr. Alphonse Babonas, should be enjoying their new home by Christmas.

Aug. 21 was our annual Family Day Picnic. Sauntering among the closely-set picnic tables, it was evident that approximately 100 members and guests had a fun-filled time. As usual the food was good; there were plenty of refreshments and games galore for the kiddies as well as the grown-ups. The chairmen, Tommy Martin and Gerry Zager, look back on its success. Many thanks to all who contributed or helped in any way. We also enjoyed the Yuncks of Florida who stopped in while visiting relatives in Detroit. In the horseshoe tournament, Ed Sackle emerged as victor.

When Mary Lucas, M/C Dist. Pilgrimage Director, invites members to a Lithuanian Luau, it's a GALA. On June 26, approximately 100 guests gathered for the garden party at her lovely home in Dayton. There were representatives from Detroit, Dayton, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Youngstown. All were well entertained and well fed with a typical Lithuanian cuisine.

The Pilgrimage to the Three Crosses the next day fail to adequately describe the sheer beauty of the shrine. The event

brought in a surprisingly large number from practically every council within the M-C Dist. which included Ruth Grasha, Magdalena Smailis, Vicki Chepelonis, Frank and Sophie Zager and Violet and Joe Panavas and family, from C-79. With a little more effort, more of our members could have attended this Pilgrimage, considering that we are a large council and more representation was possible. There were many grandiose shrines in Dayton, but time allowed us to visit only the homes of the Petkus, Miller and Scot families, all a short walking distance away, to view their individual Lithuanian Wayside shrines. When the temperature hit 90-plus, it was a pleasure to be invited by these families into their air-conditioned homes and enjoy refreshments.

Little did we know that on the same day in another part of the world, in a London hospital, another event was taking place. Our Heavenly Father called our beloved Father John C. Jutt. The news of his untimely death was shocking. What more can we say about this remarkable priest than already has been told? All we can add is that he was possessed with wit and vigor and was a very outgoing, sincere, aggressive individual. He was always a hard worker and the most dedicated man for the Lithuanian cause. There is one word which aptly described Father Jutt - DEDICATED.

SOFFIE SNOOPING -

Going the "South American way" was Mrs. E. Paurazas to help celebrate the wedding of her nephew Jose Pedro to Norma May-dee, June 12, in Quilmes, Argentine... Driving for a few days thru the Shenandoah area were Emil and Phyllis Byville... Mexico was the destination for M/M Geo.

Kase's vacation... A combination of vacation and work kept Maggie Smailis busy when she spent several weeks in Grand Rapids. She took care of her sick aunt... Eleanor Mickey and daughter toured Europe, saw the sights in London, then visited Rome, Paris and Madrid... Charles Milius went to Montreal for a visit with his mother... Sympathy is extended to the Clem Patocki family. Clem's mother, Martha Patocki, passed away in Pennsylvania. Sharon Chaps, the very young daughter-in-law of Gerri and Joe Chaps died after a very tragic accident... Sitting under new roofs are Helen Tucker and her mother, Mary Yekulis, who now reside in Dearborn... Bill Walls is on the mend following major surgery. We hope this will be the end to his many illnesses... Betty Petroski is doing just fine following her double operation. She looks great since her new thin image... Congratulations to Sister Marrietta who recently celebrated her Silver Anniversary in the St. Francis Order. She is the daughter and sister of the Zvirblis family... Mike and Adele Vale toured the New England States with Joe and Mary Tollus. A few lost "items" added to their adventures... Ruth Grasha motored with her family thru the southern states. Those mountains were fantastic, tells Ruth... Stella Hotra motored to Philadelphia, accompanied by her father, Anthony Mameniskis... Sympathies are extended to Leo Smilgis who lost his father, Leo Sr., and to Anthony Repshas upon the death of his mother, Mary... Also, kindly remember Peter Medonis who died suddenly on Sept. 16. He was a member of C-79 and in his early years was very active in the K. of L. movement. Mr. Medonis was also an eloquent violin-maker and won numerous



C-96 - K of L'ers attending Family Picnic held in Dayton.

awards for his various crafts. He is survived by his wife Pat and three sons... Ed and Ann Salas gained a new son-in-law. Daughter, Patricia, was married on Aug. 14. The Pete Stanulises also had a wedding; son Bob was married on Aug. 20. Our best wishes to the two couples... Antoinette Baron, Stella Hotra, Bertha Janus and Sophie Zager were among the many viewers of the Rose Terrace, the Grosse Pointe Farms mansion of the late Mrs. Anna Thomson Dodge, examining the fine art pieces, prior to an auction marking the end of a great cultural era of the mansion... We extend sincere sympathy to Father Michael Kundrat who lost three members of his family within a six-month period. Our Heavenly Father called his beloved mother following a lingering illness, death claimed his oldest sister, Bernice Purcell and his brother Constantine passed away on Sept. 27. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

F.B.P.

A big "Thank You" to all the Knights from the Mid-Central Dist. who came in for the Dist. Pilgrimage at the Shrine of the Three Crosses, June 26-27, - to Chicago members, Sophia Zukas, Al and Annamarie Kassel of the Ill-Ind. Dist. - to Detroit Jrs., Kathy, David and Karen Panavas, who took part in the program with our local Jrs. A big "thank you" to our chairman, Mary Lucas, who started the weekend with a Lithuanian Style Luau at her home, and to John and Ann Scott, Mike and Alice Petkus who welcomed guests to visit their home shrines. Fr. Titas Narbutas, Dist Adv., and Fr. Vincent Bartuška, Professor of Religious Studies at Manhattan College, N.Y. lead the

congregation in prayer and services. Music was under the direction of Jerry Bedrowsky with Mary Mikalauskas, directed by Elinor Sluzas, leading the Jrs. To ALL the committee and participants, Ačiū!

Ačiū to our Sports Committee, Dave Petroski, George Mikalauskas, Lou Prasmantas and Charles Petkus, for two very successful Family Picnics, June 13 and Sept. 12. Aply assisting the committee were Frances Mikalauskas, Sarah Petkus, Georgia Zelinskas and Karen Bedrowsky. Needless to say, "a good time was had by all". They even got the "oldies" joining in the races!

On July 18, Mass was held at 10 AM, at Holy Cross Church and ceremonies were held at the Shrine of the Three Crosses to begin the week's observance of "Captive Nations' Week". Mass was celebrated by Fr. V. Kazlauskas, who was visiting Dayton from Rome. Flower-bearers for the Jrs. were Julia Prasmantas and Annamarie Sluzas.

Our annual Parish Picnic at Eintyacht Park was held on July 25. K of L members on the main committee were Ray Steinbrunner, Frank Gudelis, and Karen Bedrowsky and Ann Scott took charge of the kitchen. Half of the proceeds went into our Jr. fund. It was good to see members doing their share of the work for the parish. Congratulations to Tina Kavy on being voted "Lithuanian Queen for the Day"! Bea Noreikas was the only Knight to win in the drawing, - her own personal-size TV!

With the loss of Fr. John Jutt, the K of L will have a loose brick in its foundation. Members of long standing will have many memories of Father and his dedication to the organization. On July 11 a Mid-Central Dist. Mass was held for Fr. John while our council Mass was held on Aug. 7. Both Masses were held at Holy Cross Church, Dayton. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Fr. John's family and to the Worcester Council in their great loss.

Fr. Titas Narbutas, our only delegate to the National Convention, came back with a very concise report on the coverage of the convention. He certainly enjoyed himself and evaluated the convention in complimentary terms. Steve Bucmys also represented the council.

On Sept. 25 the council sponsored a Hobo Harvest Dance at the Lithuanian Social Club. A big "thank you" to the committee, as this was a first for our "Jet Set", as a group, on their own. Forming the committee were Co-chairman, Karen Bedrowsky and Georgia Zelinskas aided by Jerry Bedrowsky, Jerry and Cathy Roberts, Dave Petroski, Al Taoras, Tina Kavy, John A. Berczelly with Frank Gudelis acting as advisor. Surprise for the evening was a visit from Gražina Vaskelis, Pres. C-102, Detroit, Vitalija Vaskelis and Annetta Byrne!.. We are most grateful to them for making the trip. Congratulations to Mr. Bucmys and his daughter, Maria, for winning the polka contest!

In the Cincinnati-Dayton area the Sunday Mass is held on C 2 #2TV, at 8 AM. On Aug. 14 Holy Cross Church had the honor of taping the Mass for Aug. 15 viewing. Fr. Titas Narbutas offered the Mass, and Jerry Bedrowsky gathered up a contingent to participate in the Mass that was held in the Cincinnati studio.

ODDS AND ENDS

Pat Zelinskas hosted the first religious discussion for the season at her home on Sept. 17. Only a few attended but it was lively. On Aug. 12 we made our annual visit to the graves of our deceased members. This is always a memorable occasion. Mike Petkus was in charge of flower arrangements and led us in prayer. Mary Lucas had those participating to her home for brunch after the services. 10 AM Mass was held for the living and deceased members at Holy Cross prior to the cemetery visit.

Jr. "Den Parents" for June



C-96 - Time Out for Chow !!!

were the Mantz's, Joe and Eleanor, with a back-yard swim party and lunch. Mike and Fran Petkus and Eloise Berczelly hosted an all-day swim party at Cowen Lake in July. Sarah Petkus, Joe and Ada Sinkwitz helped with the driving. Charlie and Sarah Petkus sponsored an all-day trip to Cederpoint, Ohio in August with a stop at the Shrine of our Sorrowful Mother. Joe Gecas and his brother-in-law (visiting from Brooklyn, NY.) helped with the driving while Kitty Prasmantas kept an eye on things at the park. The Jrs. also worked very hard and put in a full day at the Parish Picnic on July 25 as did their advisors, Kitty and Elinor.

Joe and Aldona Ryan, along with George and Frances Zelinskas, hosted a social at the Ryan home on Aug. 21. A good time was had! Did you know? Joe Ryan was elected Mayor of Centerville during the city's 175th Centennial. Joe also won 1st Prize for his "Mutton Chops Beard". Aldona won two awards, - one for acting-narrating and one in costume. Congratulations!

Members wishing to donate Lithuanian books, old Lithuanian magazines or pamphlets, cards or documents to the Baltic-East European Archives at Kent State Univ. can turn them in to Frank Gudelis, who will forward these items to John Cadzow, Director of the Lithuanian section of this program at KSU. Frank has seen this project at KS and was much impressed. Contributions from all members would be appreciated.

Making the Sunshine State their vacation spot were Mike, Alice and Mary Petkus and John Razauskas. Charlie and Sarah Petkus visited with our Hialeah members Pete and Paulette Petkus. Making Florida their stop, also, were Elinor, Ed and Annamarie Sluzas, Rita Ambrose, and Ann Scott. Joe, Ada and Kathy Sinkwitz, and Ernie and Veronica Omlor made rock-hunting trips to Minnesota, with the Sinkwitz continuing their now-famous career in the Carolinas. (By the way, Joe made the trophy the Bucmys' won at the dance!) Touring Mass. and visiting family in RI were Stan, Helen, Mark, Steve and Terry Vaitkus. The Bakanauskas', Sam, Maxine and family went to Virginia Beach while Stan and Ida Kavy visited historical sites

in Pa. and spent time with our Del. members, John and Irene Veigel. Did you hear? Joe Boeke was sent to Israel on a company business trip. Joe has had many great opportunities with his career as a Mathematical Engineer. Fishing at Caribou Lakes, Mich. were the Scotts, John and Ann, Tom and Elizabeth. Taking a 12-state tour was Judy Petrokas. John A. Berczelly and Ed Sluzas and his father, Ted, took in a sneak preview of the Green Bay Packers at Camp in Wisc., stopping in Chicago to visit the Klevinsky's Stan and Barbara on the way home. Pat Zelinskas went family-visiting in Wisc.

June 6, The Wallis', Al and Albina, took Fr. Bartuška to Ciu-



1970 Tour Memories in Italy.

cinnati for C-134's annual family picnic at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Al Maezer. Father came back with nothing but praise on the warm reception and cordiality of the council members. The Wallis' are now recuperated from their daughter's July wedding. Great to hear from our Syracuse, NY members, Frank and Irene Petrauskas. They helped to make our dance a success, although unable to attend bodily. If you heard "rumble" from Cincinnati on Aug. 12, have no fear, it was just Pat Zelinskas, Mary Lucas, Eloise Berczelly and Bea Noriekas! If you heard hustle and bustle Aug. 21 in Vandalia, - that was caused by members visiting Fr. Walter Katarskis at St. Christopher's Annual Festival!

Good to hear all is going well for Joan Kavalaukas and Veronica Omlor after their recent surgeries. Doing fine after recent hospital confinements are Janina

Bucmys, Karen Bedrowsky, Alice Petkus, Mary Miller and John Berczelly. Donna Jean Dailey is recovering nicely from a recent automobile accident. Congratulations to Henry and Laretta Pant on their new son, - their third boy! Grandparents are Ernie and Veronica Omlor. Grandparents for the first time are Joe and Bea Noreikas, - Congratulations on your granddaughter!

George Zelinskas was written up in the Wright - Pat paper "Skywriter" on his forty years of employment with no sick leave used. Joe Mantz had his picture in the same paper in conjunction with a special summer project set up by the government. Sally Miller is enjoying the life of leisure and sporting a new Olds 98. Now Sally will have more time for her treasurer's job in the council.

A warm welcome to our newest members Elena Zukaitis, Anella Petkus and Mary Petkus. Congratulations to our First Degree recipients John A. Berczelly, Karen Bedrowsky, and Georgia Zelinskas. Tina Kavy, has taken on a new assignment, - recruiting new members among the younger generation in our parish. Much luck, Tina! Congratulations on the engagement of Judy Scott to David Rimkus! Nice to see the Wilemaitis', C. Mike and Eileen at our dance. We've missed you. Congratulations to our council, which received a First Place National Award for new membership 1970-71. After two years, we finally made it! Mike and Fran Petkus are in their new home. Happiness!

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Fred Kondrotas on the loss of his mother, and to George and Frances Zelinskas on the loss of their grandson. May their souls rest in peace.



C-17 - Al Markun, Jimmy Markun and Al Chaplik at Scholarship Dinner.



Athol - Gardner C-10

Vincukas

A warm welcome is extended to Rev. Justin Steponaitis, newly appointed administrator of St. Francis Parish, Athol, Mass. and Spiritual Advisor of our K of L Council. Fr. Stepie comes to us from St. Casimir's, Worcester, where he was in charge of all the Youth organizations of the parish and is very familiar with the K of L. Father was born in Sintautu parish in the district of Šakiai and was ordained in 1937 for the diocese of Vilkaviškis. He left Lithuania on the arrival of the Russians, spent some time in Germany and England and finally arrived in the States and has served in Our Lady of Vilna and St. Casimir's parishes in Worcester. Fr. Stepie was tended a welcoming party in Athol by members of his new parish on Sept. 26. We of the K of L wish Fr. Justin success and happiness in Athol.

We of C-10 wish our former Chaplain, Fr. Albin Yankauskas, the best in his new parish of St. Casimir's, Worcester as Pastor.

Fr. Albin Yankauskas, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Genaitis and Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Wisnauskas attended the National Convention in Kennebunkport, Maine.

Howie Beaudette was head chef at the Lithuanian Scout's summer 4 H camp in Spencer, Mass. His aides were the Grigonis brothers of Worcester.

Bill Wisnauskas was elected President of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine of Sacred Heart Parish, Gardner.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Genaitis are sporting a new Ford and Alvin Rodski has a new Chevy station wagon.

Mrs. Lillian Erickson, daughter of Blanche and Charles Genaitis, won the largest number of votes in the primary for School

Board in Bothell, Wash., a suburb of Seattle. She topped 5 other candidates. Lil has held elected positions as a town committee-woman, precinct chairman and political delegate to county, state and National conventions. She has graduated from Gardner High, attended Northeastern Univ., and has graduated from the University of Texas, majoring in languages and history. She is now employed by the Washington State Employment Security Dept. as Supervisor of Claims and Adjustments in Lynnwood, Washington.

Our council participated in the N.E.D. Cultural Picnic held in Worcester on Sept. 5. Our newest member, Miss Ida Waslaske, had a knife and palette art show at the picnic. Ida has much talent and really made a hit.

Mary Kaminsky was recently sick and hospitalized in Worcester. Condolences are extended to Mary on the recent death of her sister Mrs. Dugas.

C-1 - Brockton, Mass. P.E.A.

The frost is on the pumpkin, and C-1 is back in the Vytis after a long and rested summer!

Congratulations to two of our Council members elected to the Supreme Council at the National Convention in Maine: Dr. Peter Bizinkauskas as Vice President and Susan Boroskas as Secretary.

Any K. of L. member wishing to purchase the Vytis emblem may do so by forwarding \$1.00 to:

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The emblem could be used on your car window or front door at home! Be proud you are Lithuanian! Display your Vytis emblem.

Social Tidbits:

We wish to extend our best wishes for a long and happy life together to Al and Dot Skirius. They were married on Sept. 19 in St. Casimir's Church with C-1 in attendance. We bid farewell to Andy and Connie Grein and family who moved to Connecticut - our loss, but Waterbury's gain.

We are starting to make plans for our annual event, the Snowflake Ball. As of now, February will be the month. Read the Vytis in the upcoming months for further details.

C-1 is starting a new format as to their monthly meetings; they will now be held in the members' homes. We feel that this will produce a cozy atmosphere as well as attract possible new members.

Have a Happy Holiday!

C-26 - Worcester, Mass.

"Dzukele"

This is our first contribution to "Council News" since the summer's beginning and we have a great deal to report.

Our July meeting was hosted by Ron and Eleanor Valinski at their summer home on Lake Lashaway. Ron provided boat rides for all on the lake while Eleanor gave up her kitchen facilities to the refreshment committee. The rest of us enjoyed the lovely surroundings, inside and out, and had a most pleasant evening. The Gregonis boys, Vin, Al and Bob, hosted the Aug. meeting at their home in



C-1 - Attending Brockton's Snowflake Ball were Marilyn Yuskaitis, Longinas Svelnis, Connie Grein, Susan K. Boroskas, and Albert Jaritis.



*C-17 Ski Weekend, E. Madison, N.H.-
Henry Cepas, Ann Chaplik, Adele
Martus, Mary Kleponis, Millie Vallis.*

Oxford. Barbecued chicken was the fare and another delightful get-to-gether was enjoyed by all. This time little Dawn Gregonis, Vin's daughter, played baby hostess to the little tots present. The swimming pool, incidentally, provided refreshing relaxation on a warm evening. Then came Sept. and back to the clubrooms where Mary Jankowski and her committee were busy doing the annual fall cleaning. Betty Tamulevich, Aldona Shumway, Anne Ridick, Janice Tagman and Jim Sanders were responsible for the delicious home-baked goodies for this meeting. We have a new member, and so a warm sincere welcome to Robert Albavicius! First Degrees were awarded to Richard Cunic, John Gadilauskas and Joseph Zalieckas.

It's certainly a man's world! Baby boys have been born to Phil and Pauline Flaherty, Charles and Joyce Grigaitis, Richard and Maureen Karalus, and to Joe Zalieckas and his wife. But - one little girl did enter the picture this summer, - a daughter for Jack and Lynn Mattrick. Congratulations to the happy families. Both Mrs. Anna Bacys and Miss Donna Jankowski have been hospitalized recently, but they are now much, much better, and this is happy news. News has just been received that Vin Gregonis had a serious injury to his hand at work and is a patient at St. Vincent Hospital in the intensive care unit. We wish him rapid recovery. Also, Mrs. Margaret Sanders is a patient at St. Vincent Hospital where she has undergone surgery. We impatiently await the good news of their recovery so that they can again soon join the ranks of the

"completely well". Congratulations to Charles and Dana (Paulukonis) Hurley who were wed in September. Our Council was invited to participate in a special Mass for a Lithuanian National holiday. Bearer of the American flag was our President, Stephen Walinsky, Jr., escorted by Wanda Pajeda and Mary Jankowski. Both girls were attired in Lithuanian National dress and we were proud of our "three". Because we are so very much aware of the loss of two very important personages who constantly labored to steer us in the "right direction", we have incorporated into our permanent plans that each year we will have a Mass offered on the Sunday nearest to his date of death for Father John C. Jutt and Father Michael F. Tamulevicius. Father Tamulevicius' second anniversary Mass was offered on Sept. 12 and our council attended in very good number.



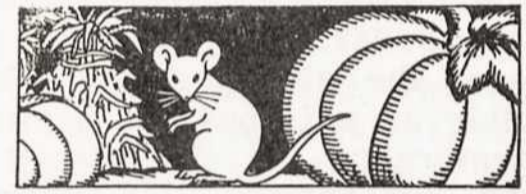
C-17 - Father Januinas and Phyllis Gendreau touring Araban Coffee Co.

Ann and Vinnie Grazulis were happy to entertain Ann's uncle who was here for a visit from Lithuania. This joy was marred, however, by Ann's dad's serious illness and death last June in Hartford. Frances Nockunas' mother also became ill and passed away in September. To Ann and Frances and their families, we express our sincere sympathy.

Our Spiritual Director, Father Justin Steponaitis, told us marvelous detailed reports about his recent trip to Lithuania. It was a delight to listen and to see the various things he brought back with him. Father has just been appointed administrator of St.

Francis Church in Athol and, while we will miss him very much, we wish him much success in his new task. Father Albin Yankauskas, once our curate at St. Casimir's, is back as our new Pastor. We extend our best wishes and constant support to Father in his new duties.

The clambake was a big success with Bill and Carol Grigas and their committee doing a terrific job. We still have items to report but they will appear in the next issue, when we'll also report on our 55th Anniversary Dinner-Dance, Oct. 16, planned by Ann Bender, Rita Pinkus, Mary Jankowski and Helen Gillus. See you next month!



NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

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DISTRICT M.R.Y.

In compliance with the Presidential directive of declaring the coming year as Rev. John Jutt-Jutkevicius Memorial Year, the NY-NJ Dist. Knights of Lithuania held a Memorial Mass on Sept. 19th at St. Peter and Paul Lithuanian Church in Elizabeth, N.J. K of L councils from C-29, Newark, N.J. - New York Seniors, Brooklyn, N.Y. - C-90, Kearny, N.J. - C-12, New York, N.Y. - C-113, Linden, N.J. - and C-52, Elizabeth, N.J. participated at the Memorial services. Rev. Peter Zemeikis, the Past District Spiritual Advisor officiated at the



C-17 - Fr. Januinas, Ann Norenkavich and Mrs. Reina at Araban Coffee Co. tour.

blessing of a memorial wreath which was placed at the Lithuanian Wayside Shrine by the National President, Dr. Jacobus J. Stukas - Past District President, Anne Klem and Elizabeth Council President, Peter Kasilionis. During the sermon, Father Peter reminded us to keep a strong memory in our hearts and minds for Father Jutt and carry on the Lithuanian Affairs work as an everlasting tribute. Elizabeth C-52 hosted the visiting members and guests to breakfast at the church hall. Our thanks for the hospitality shown is by C-52 and the Arrangements Chairman, Anna Mitchell.

Brother George Petkevicius, O.F.M., visitor and guest speaker at the breakfast gathering, expresses the wish to do something tangible as a Lithuanian heritage remembrance for the benefit of future generations. His heart's desire is to see a Lithuanian Wayside Shrine in Scranton, Pennsylvania, his former hometown. The good Brother appealed to the Knights and Ladies of the K of L to help him with this project. As Brother George said, "I have heard of the Knights of Lithuania as being a "Power House" of action and of all they have done to stimulate and maintain the Lithuanian Spirit." We could not find it in our hearts to refuse the appeal for the worthy cause and gave a donation of \$30.00 with all our best wishes for a successful completion of his dream. Again thinking of Father Jutt's generosity, we somehow felt he approved.

The N.Y.-N.J. District meeting was held on Sept. 26th at Kings Point Park, Great Neck, N.Y. With an outdoor setting as a backdrop for the meeting, annual reports were given by officers



and chairmen of the district. A comprehensive delegate report on the 58th K of L National Convention was submitted by Vytautas Radzivanas. Elected to serve the District for the fiscal year of 1971-72 are as follows:

President - Larry Janonis
 1st Vice President - Anthony Kober
 2nd Vice President - Kazys Sipaila
 Recording Secretary - Anna Mitchell (Mlalavich)
 Financial Secretary - Michael Grigaluinas
 Treasurer - Loretta Stukas
 Trustees - Joseph Sable (1 year term)
 Dorothy Dutkus (2 year term)
 Mary York (3 year term)

Rev. Frank Bulovas consented to serve the District as Spiritual Advisor and installed the officers.

Appointed as Chairmen:

District Bulletin, Mary Kober
 Cultural, Anne Klem
 Lithuanian Affairs, Helen Kulber
 Public Relations, Mary York

After the meeting, Great Neck C-109 treated the delegates and guests to an outdoor barbecue in the park. Good food, good company, - so naturally a good time was had by all. Thank you, Great Neck.

All roads lead to C-12, New York for the next District meeting on Dec. 5, 1971.

Happy Thanksgiving!



C-100 - President Radzevich welcoming N.Y.-N.J. District Delegates at convention in Amsterdam.

C-12 - NEW YORK, N.Y.

Liberty Lady

Many of us have heard at our parent's knee about the traditional observance of Žolinė in Lithuania, when families brought seeds and bouquets of greenery to the church on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Pastor blessed these personal possessions of the Earth for a bountiful and protective year. As time marched on and families became city dwellers or migrated to other countries, this beautiful tradition probably has been passed over as just another thing from the past. To resurrect the thought of Žolinė as more meaningful to us in today's world and as a contribution to the mosaic culture of America, on Aug. 15 at the Feast of the Assumption of the BVM, a committee of four C-12 Knights of Lithuania members provided sprigs of greenery (ruta) with Lithuanian national colors to Lithuanian as well as non-Lithuanian parishioners of Our Lady of Vilna Church in New York. With Emily Yatkaukas providing the



N.Y.-N.J.
 District
 Members in
 front
 of St. Ann's
 Chapel in
 cemetery at
 Amsterdam, N.Y.



C-52 - Annie Mitchell placing wreath in memory of Rev. Jutt at Wayside Shrine in Elizabeth, N.J.

...rue from her garden, Matthew Yatkaukas, her son, along with Helen Matthews and Mary York pinned corsages and boutonnieres on every parishioner while explaining the meaning of Žolinė. A pleasant aftermath of the occasion was the interest expressed by the men and women about the beauty of past observances when people placed their trust in God for the fundamental needs in their lives. What delighted us also was a remark from one man, who was touched by the sentiment and said, "I shall place this sprig of greenery at the foot of Our Lady's Statue in my home". One can almost relate to the present day concern about our ecology. Perhaps we should start appealing to Our Lord and the Blessed Lady to safeguard us from ourselves and what we are doing to the air, water and the "Good Earth".

C-12 K of L'ers, regardless of the rain that hit the Metropolitan area this summer, found their way to both picnics of the "Memories of Lithuania Radio Hour" in Long Island, N.Y. and Bayonne, N.J. We heard firsthand reports about the Scandinavian Trip and had an opportunity to socialize with other K of L'ers. Promoting membership "dėl Vyčių" were Irene and Ed Senken, Matthew Yatkaukas, Rev. Anthony Kardas (our Spiritual Advisor), Helen Matthews, Vincent and Helen Cuperwich, Jean and Larry Janonis, Anna Zindzius and Mary York. We were proud to receive "Honorable Mention" for the "Ruta Knight" centerpiece on

our picnic table.

Americans to Free Captive Nations held an interesting manifestation at the Statue of Liberty in July to honor America as a Champion of Freedom. A member of K of L C-12 attended the ceremony and she found it heartwarming to see people present a case of why communist-dominated nations should be helped in their struggle for independence. The lack of Lithuanian official representation at the ceremony was the only flaw of the day.

During August a pleasant interlude for Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians took place at the Baltic Folk Festival in Priedaine Park, Freehold, N.J. Sponsored by UBA-BATUN (United Baltic Appeal and Baltic Appeal to the United Nations), we from C-12 enjoyed the songs and dances plus the opportunity of tasting national



N.Y.-N.J. District members displaying favors received from C-100 at District Meeting in Amsterdam. Mary York, Anne Klem and Annie Mitchell.

foods. Other Vyčių councils were noticed amongst the spectators, and participating as performers were the "Vyčiai" Folk Dancers of Brooklyn, N.Y. and the "Žibuoklės" Women's Sextet. They never fail to delight us.

Our council meetings started in October with the election of officers. Serving the fiscal year of 1971-72 for C-12 are as follows:

President - Leon Waskiewicz
1st Vice President - Mrs. Helen Cuperwich
Recording Secretary - Mrs. Betty Waskiewicz
Financial Secretary and Treasurer - Miss Helen Matthews

Appointments:



Memorial Wreath Ceremony for Rev. John Jutt at Elizabeth, N.J.; l to r: Jack Stukas, Peter Kasilionis, Anne Klem and Rev. Peter Zemeikis.

Vytis Correspondent - Mrs. Mary York
Lithuanian Affairs Chairman - Mrs. Anna Zindzius

We were honored with the presence of the N.Y.-N.J. District President Larry Janonis and resolved to host the December District Meeting. The officers of C-12 extend an early invitation to district delegates and hopefully are expecting representation from all councils. Traveling should be favorable; we are at the entrance of the Holland Tunnel in New York and Sunday parking is no problem. Remember the day, Dec. 5, 1971.

Celebrating their birthdays in the season of the beautiful fall foliage are Helen and Vincent Cuperwich, Michael Kartanowicz, John Yorkus and Emily Yatkaukas. Happy Birthday to some fine people. Our deepest sympathy to the Yorkus family upon the untimely loss of their brother Valentine Yorkus. May his soul rest in peace. Happy Thanksgiving to the K of L family.



C-12 - Mary York with mother and Brother Francis at Captive Nations Week celebration on Liberty Island.

ELIZABETH, N.J. - C-52

Little Susie

This summer the Knights of Lithuania lost a dynamic, energetic and most effective leader with the sudden and untimely death of Rev. John C. Jutt-Jutkevičius, Honorary Chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee. In keeping with a Supreme Council directive, our District celebrated a Memorial Mass for his soul on Sept. 19 at 11:00 A.M. in Sts. Peter and Paul's Lithuanian Church, Elizabeth, N.J. Council members, friends and parishioners attended and paid fitting tribute to this man who gave so much of himself to our organization and to Lithuania and Lithuanians in general. Rev. Peter Ze-



N.Y.-N.J. District - Reception after Memorial Mass for Father Jutt.

meikis, N.Y.- N.J. Dist. Spiritual Advisor and Administrator of the Parish celebrated the Mass. Our Parish choir sang beautifully. Following the Mass, all joined in and sang the American and Lithuanian National Anthems and the K of L Hymn. Father Peter blessed a large Lithuanian wreath, which was then carried to the Wayside Cross on parish grounds by National President Dr. Jack Stukas, District President Annie Klem, C-52 President Peter Kasilionis and placed there in memory of Father John. After prayers were said at the Cross, many stood and chatted about Father John and all his good works.

All congregated in the parish hall for coffee, rolls and buns. The Elizabeth Council was host, but a few New Yorkers also helped. With the dish-washing - Mary York and Helen Kulber. Those assisting from Jersey were Ruth Brazinski, Frances Milewski, Annie Klem and some of C-52 boys - Daniel Degutis, Charles Brazinski, Stanley Valatka, Vince



C-100 - Lorraine & Bernard Kisielis, Don, Holleran, Gene Gobis and Ann Baltuska.

Mackelis. Thank you to all of you.

C-52 was busy getting ready for our Parish Chinese Auction and Social held Oct. 16. We ate and played, and some of us even came out as winners.

Our Parish P.T.A. ladies celebrated their 25th Anniversary Nov. 7 with a 12 Noon Mass followed by dinner. The K of L helped them celebrate, as some of our members were great P.T.A. leaders and officers.

We've been told that the Altar Society Ladies are going to decorate some Christmas trees this year in real Lithuanian style, with straw ornaments, etc. Annie Klem is our teacher and you can be sure, they will truly be authentic.

AMSTERDAM, N.Y. - C-100

Smile & Sparkle

Our Oct. 11 meeting was opened with prayer by Very Rev. Robert K. Baltch. Minutes of the September meeting were read by Ann Sweet. (Secretary Nellie Liberis and husband Ed were away in Maine visiting their son who is stationed there). Excerpts from September gathering - President



C-100 - Prof. Olsauskas cutting birthday cake

Anthony Radzevich gave an account of the business meetings of the National Convention... our clam bake was shelved until next year... The refreshment committee consisted of Sophie Olbie and Gene Gobis, plus extra goodies furnished by Father Baltch (huge apple pie) and Helen Druziak (assortment of donuts).

Election of officers took place. Sadie Karbus and Prof. Joseph Olsauskas both addressed the group, Anglišakai ir Lietuviškai, to keep the same officers for another year. No dissenting votes were recorded, therefore the slate remains: President Anthony Radzevich; Vice-President Gene Gobis; Treasurer - Sophie Olbie; Secretary - Nellie Liberis; Lithuanian



C-12 - Our Lady of Vilna Church Dinner. Jack Stukas, Rev. Gurinskas, Loretta Stukas and Joseph Boley.

Affairs Committee Chairman - Ed. Baranauskas; Cultural Committee Chairman - Matthew Orante. The Ritual Committee was revived with Helen Druziak taking over the chairmanship.

One minute of silence was held in memory of our departed member and National Legal Advisor, Attorney Anthony C. Stokna.

Sophie Olbie and Gene Gobis accepted the co-chairmanship of the Christmas banquet to be held at the Tower Inn on Dec. 12. We heard some tape recordings of new Lithuanian songs and saw slides of various parts of France (where Father Baltch vacationed this past summer).

Refreshments were served by Mary Stanionis and Betty Kuzmich. They really put on a feast! We cannot forget Anna Yunker's contribution of donuts and liquid refreshments.

NEWS BITS

One of our most active mem-



C-12 - Matthew Yatkas, Mary York & Helen Matthews with 'Honorable Mention' Ruta Knight received at Lithuanian Radio Picnic.

bers and hard workers, Matt Kazlauskas, was stricken shortly after our District Convention. He is now resting at his home. Many district delegates met him and his charming wife, Nancy. He resides at 21 Storrie St., Amsterdam, N.Y. 12010. Let's drop him a note of cheer. Matt and Nancy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 17. We've also missed Polly Ziausys and were told she is a patient in the hospital. Get well, Polly.

An even dozen Amsterdamsians attended the National Convention in Kennebunkport, - Very Rev. Robert K. Baltch (who provided an extra treat to all who attended by showing his colored pictures taken in Lithuania last year), Rev. Bernard Gustas, Helen, Leo, Mark, and David Druziak, Sophie Olbie, Gene Gobis, Don Holleran, Anthony Radzevich, Peter Hayes, and Prof. Joseph Olsauskas. Our council went and did it again!

Two prizes were won at the Convention, - 1st place in two categories - Paid-up membership and new members gained. Peter Hayes, our alternate delegate, didn't miss one dance at the Convention Ball. Not counting our local delegates, Theresa Mazeika (Philadelphia) kept him on the move.

Birthday greetings to members Isabelle McKinley (Oct. 13) Ginny Miciulis (Nov. 9) Mary Stanionis (Sept. 8), Sally Rusilas (Oct. 28), Rev. Joseph Anselment (Nov. 13), Ronnie Urba (Nov. 17) and Betty Kuzmich (Nov. 24).



C-100 celebrating Prof. Olsauskas birthday. Prof. accepting gift from President Anthony Radzevich.

Belated birthday greetings are extended to our dear organist and fellow - K of L'er, Prof. Joseph Olsauskas (Sept. 23). A group of K of L'ers and friends surprised Prof. at the A.L.C. club with a huge birthday cake, food and refreshments, and a personal gift. Many thanks to Regina Hartvigas



C-100 - Peter Hayes surrounded by Don Holleran, Gene Gobis, Matt & Isabelle Orante, Joe Zemaitis

for all the running around she did to make the party a success. Helping professor celebrate his BIG DAY were: Leonard and Regina Hartvigas, Matt and Isabelle Orante, John Hartvigas, Birute and Stanley Ralys, Gene Gobis, Don Holleran, Ann Baltuska, Julia Mikenas, Anthony Radzevich, Peter Hayes, Joseph Valikonis, Frank and Gen Slaveikis, Milda and Joe Zemaitis, Mary Stanionis, Susana Lekutis, Commissioner of Public Safety Bernard Kisielis and wife, Lorraine.

Rev. Bernard Gustas and Don Holleran have one thing in common, - both were born on Sept. 28. Gene Gobis had both as her guests at the Tower Inn where they celebrated their day with dinner and a birthday cake. In addition the hosts, Emil and Margie Mason, presented them with a most delicious gift.

Deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers are extended to the family of

**DR. PETRAS P. DAUŽVARDIS,
GENERAL CONSUL OF LITHUANIA**

on the loss of their beloved husband and father, and to the entire Lithuanian community on the loss of an outstanding leader.

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Sincerely yours,
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